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SYNOD OF NEW YORK

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The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Church in the City of Lockport, on Tuesday, the 21st day of October, A. D. 1890, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Samuel Jessup, D. D., of the Presbytery of Utica, on Matthew 27: 42: "He saved others; himself he cannot save."

After the sermon, the Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
James Gardner, D. D.,	George Lasher,
Charles A. Conant,	Hon. Horace E. Smith,
Charles H. Baldwin, D. D.,	Prentice Rodgers,
Alfonso R. Olney,	James Rodgers,
Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D.,	Alexander M. Holmes.
Edward Huntting Rudd,	
James N. Crocker, D. D.,	
Samuel R. Biggar.	

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
John McVey,	Burgess Squires,
J. Lovejoy Robertson,	Franklin Edgerton,
David F. Giles.	Obadiah Z. Brown.

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Andrew Burrows, D. D.,
John L. Scott, D. D.,
John R. Crosser,
James A. F. MacBain (2).

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Samuel P. Halsey (2),	James R. Howe,
Joseph H. Montgomery, D. D.,	Robert Henderson,
A. McElroy Wylie,	Robert Gillies.
Charles Wood,	
Augustus B. Prichard.	

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

T. Ralston Smith, D. D.,	Joseph H. Plumb,
William S. Hubbell, D. D.,	James B. Holmes,
Philos G. Cook,	Abram Roberts,
Samuel T. Clarke,	Francis A. Board,
Charles A. Richmond,	Stephen M. Clement,
William Waith, Ph. D.,	James W. Bixby,
David R. Eddy,	Melvin Montgomery (2).
John McLachlan (2).	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

William E. Roe,	John K. Garsden,
Edward P. Sprague, D. D.,	William H. Van Sickle,
Charles C. Hemenway (2),	John Young.
Almon R. Hewitt.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Andrew M. Millar,
Joseph Gamble.

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Charles C. Carr,	George B. Patterson,
Albert Livermore,	George W. Bodle,
Isaac Jennings, D. D.,	Henry M. Hillerman.
James C. Russell.	

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

John M. Allis.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

Hiram H. Kellogg,	Abram Magee.
George C. Yeisley, D. D.,	
William S. Long (2).	

XI. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

Elizur N. Manley,	Albert E. Olin,
John C. Long,	Hon. James H. Loomis (2),
Arthur E. Brigden (4).	Philetus R. Downing.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

J. Wilford Jacks,	Myron Peckins,
Asher B. Temple,	William A. Warne,
William S. Carter,	Frank M. Demunn,
Ebenezer B. McGhee.	Seymour Horton.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

J. Napier Husted,	Philip H. Woolsey,
John Burrows, D. D.,	Samuel Hadden.
Walter Fry.	

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

Epher Whitaker, D. D.,	Marcus E. Griffin,
William H. Littell,	Nathan T. Post (2).
Clarence H. Wilson (2).	

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

William L. Page,	Henry M. Clark,
Sybrandt Nelson.	William H. Thacker (2).

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
B. Van Vliet Putnam,	Stanley Davison,
Rockwood MacQuesten,	Theron L. Smith,
James C. Hume, Ph. D.	George A. Brush.

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

John Hall, D. D. (2),	John C. Tucker,
Jesse F. Forbes,	John Stewart,
David G. Wylie, Ph. D.,	Warner Van Norden,
Andrew H. Harshaw,	James Bayles,
Robert F. Sample, D. D.,	Sidney Whittemore,
Francis H. Marling,	Kiliaen Van Rensselaer,
George S. Webster,	George Calder,
Alexander W. Sproull,	Robert Gentle (2).
Charles R. Gillett,	
Henry L. Grandlienard.	

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

Anthony H. Evans,	Israel T. Shipman,
George T. Galbraith,	Alexander Carey (2),
Edward Snyder.	Edwin E. Arnold.

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Francis B. Wheeler, D. D.,	Jacob D. Cocks,
Irving Magee, D. D.,	Nathan Williams.
William E. Smith,	
Goodloe B. Bell,	
W. Emory Henkell,	
Frederick B. Savage, D. D.	

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH.

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

Lawrence M. Stevens,	John A. Cowan (2),
James H. Robinson.	Samuel G. Sammons,
	James H. Merchant.

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Johnson A. Henderson,	Charles F. Pond,
John McColl (3),	Franklin S. Stebbins (2),
Charles N. Frost,	George H. Rudman,
Daniel M. Countermine,	John M. Cheeseman (2),
Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D.,	Wilson R. Ballintine,
Samuel A. Freeman, D. D.	David D. McNair,
	Heman Glass,
	Wesley Van Buskirk.

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.,	John Rogers,
Allen Macy Dulles (2),	David K. Storie.
Daniel A. Ferguson,	
Lewis R. Webber.	

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

George R. Smith,
John Waugh,
William Veenschoten.

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

David Torrey, D. D.,	Arthur B. Clark (2).
Alfred H. Fahnestock,	
Isaac Swift,	
Angus H. Cameron,	
Theodore S. Day.	

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Isaac G. Ogden,	Frederick M. Hoyt,
Lee W. Beattie.	Alexander M. Sherman,
	John H. Smith,
	Horace B. Silliman, LL. D.

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Samuel Jessup, D. D.,	James Stark,
Frank W. Townsend,	Charles B. Cowles,
Edward J. Hamilton, D. D.,	Rodolphus C. Briggs,
C. Otis Thatcher,	Frederick M. Barrows, M. D.,
John D. Warren,	Rollin S. Clark.
T. Dwight Hunt.	

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Harris R. Schenck,	Edward Wells (3),
Manfred P. Welcher,	Daniel H. Knapp,
William B. Waller,	Henry Parsons,
Richard P. H. Vail, D. D. (2),	Benjamin Weed.
William J. Cumming,	
James H. Hoyt (2).	

The Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albany, was elected Moderator, and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. David G. Wylie, Ph. D., of the Presbytery of New York, and the Rev. Charles N. Frost, of the Presbytery of Rochester, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., by invitation, addressed the Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions.

The Committee of Arrangements, through its Chairman, the Rev. Anthony H. Evans, reported the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the sessions of the morning begin at nine o'clock, and close at twelve; of the afternoon, at half-past two o'clock, and close at half-past five.

2. That the devotional services of Wednesday morning be conducted by Elder Horace B. Silliman.

3. That the representative of the American Tract Society be heard at the opening of the session on Wednesday afternoon.

4. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered Thursday evening at half-past seven o'clock.

Adjourned until Wednesday at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present:

Presbytery of Boston: Minister—James A. F. MacBain.
Brooklyn: Minister—Samuel P. Halsey.
Buffalo: Minister—John McLachlan; Elder—Melvin Montgomery.
Cayuga: Minister—Charles C. Hemenway.
Columbia: Minister—William S. Long.
Genesee: Elder—Hon. James H. Loomis.
Long Island: Minister—Clarence H. Wilson; Elder—Nathan T. Post.
Lyons: Elder—William H. Thacker.
New York: Minister—John Hall; Elder—Robert Gentle.
Niagara: Elder—Alexander Carey.
Otsego: Elder—John A. Cowan.
Rochester: Elders—Franklin S. Stebbins, John M. Cheeseman.
St. Lawrence: Minister—Allen M. Dulles.
Syracuse: Elder—Arthur B. Clark.
Westchester: Ministers—Richard P. H. Vail, James H. Hoyt.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Rev. Charles N. Frost, at his own request, was excused from serving as a Temporary Clerk, and the REV. WILLIAM WAITH, PH. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, was chosen in his place.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—Samuel Jessup, D. D., William S. Hubbell, D. D., Francis B. Wheeler, D. D., David Torrey, D. D., Asher B. Temple, Hiram H. Kellogg, Francis H. Marling, Frederick B. Savage, D. D.

Elders—Stephen M. Clement, Henry M. Clark, John C. Tucker, William H. Van Sickle, Franklin Edgerton, James R. Howe, Rollin S. Clark.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—Robert F. Sample, D. D., James Gardner, D. D., Epher Whitaker, D. D., Isaac Jennings, D. D., James H. Robinson, Irving Magee, D. D., George R. Smith, L. Merrill Miller, D. D.

Elders—Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Hon. Horace E. Smith, Rodolphus C. Briggs, William A. Warne, David D. McNair, Henry Parsons, Robert Henderson.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly:

Ministers—Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D., Lee W. Beattie, Joseph Gamble, Alfred H. Fahnestock.

Elders—Henry M. Hillerman, Myron Peckins, Benjamin Weed.

4. Finance:

Elders—Joseph H. Plumb, James Bayles, Seymour Horton, Albert E. Olin, Robert Gillies.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—William J. Cumming, B. Van Vliet Putnam, Harris R. Schenck, William S. Long.

Elders—Philip H. Woolsey, Israel T. Shipman, Alexander M. Sherman.

6. To Nominate Visitors to Seminaries, etc.:

Ministers—George C. Yeisley, D. D., Samuel T. Clarke, Almon R. Hewitt, William Waith, Ph. D.

Elders—Frederick M. Hoyt, Stanley Davison, John Stewart.

7. To Nominate the Woman's Committee on Home Missions:

Ministers—Charles H. Baldwin, D. D., Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson, Charles Wood, Lewis R. Webber.

Elders—James B. Holmes, Prentice Rodgers, Sidney Whittemore.

8. To Nominate the Permanent Committee on Temperance:

Ministers—Edward P. Sprague, D. D., John Burrows, D. D., William H. Littell, John L. Scott, D. D.

Elders—George H. Rudman, Heman Glass, Frederick M. Barrows, M. D.

9. To Nominate Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College:

Ministers—Charles C. Carr, Andrew Burrows, D. D., Edward J. Hamilton, D. D., John McVey.

Elders—Edwin E. Arnold, Charles B. Cowles, Charles F. Pond.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. Albany: *Ministers*—Charles Alex. Richmond, William E. Smith; *Elder*—Frank M. Demunn.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—A. McElroy Wylie, Manfred P. Welcher; *Elder*—George Lasher.

3. Boston: *Ministers*—David F. Giles, T. Dwight Hunt; *Elder*—Robert Henderson.

4. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Charles A. Conant, William B. Waller; *Elder*—Abram Magee.

5. Buffalo: *Ministers*—Edward H. Rudd, Goodloe B. Bell; *Elder*—Burgess Squires.

6. Cayuga: *Ministers*—John R. Crosser, John D. Warren; *Elder*—James Rodgers.

7. Champlain: *Ministers*—Augustus B. Prichard, W. Emory Henkell; *Elder*—Alexander M. Holmes.

8. Chemung: *Ministers*—Joseph H. Montgomery, Samuel R. Biggar; *Elder*—Obadiah Z. Brown.

9. Chile: *Ministers*—Frank W. Townsend, Charles N. Frost; *Elder*—Daniel H. Knapp.

10. Columbia: *Ministers*—Philos G. Cook, William S. Carter; *Elder*—John K. Garsden.

11. Genesee: *Ministers*—John M. Allis, Angus H. Cameron; *Elder*—George W. Bodle.

12. Geneva: *Ministers*—Elizur N. Manley, Albert Livermore; *Elder*—James Stark.

13. Hudson: *Ministers*—David R. Eddy, William E. Roe; *Elder*—George B. Patterson.

14. Long Island: *Ministers*—Andrew M. Millar, James C. Russell; *Elder*—Abram Roberts.

15. Lyons: *Ministers*—John C. Long, Walter Fry; *Elder*—John Young.

16. Nassau: *Ministers*—Isaac Swift, Ebenezer B. McGhee; *Elder*—Francis A. Board.

17. New York: *Ministers*—James N. Crocker, D. D., Sybrandt Nelson; *Elder*—James W. Bixby.

18. Niagara: *Ministers*—J. Napier Husted, James C. Hume; *Elder*—Philetus R. Downing.

19. North Laos: *Ministers*—Daniel A. Ferguson, Harris R. Schenck; *Elder*—John H. Smith.

20. NORTH RIVER: *Ministers*—Jesse F. Forbes, Edward Snyder; *Elder*—Theron L. Smith.

21. OROOMIAH: *Ministers*—C. Otis Thatcher, David G. Wylie; *Elder*—John Rogers.

22. OTSEGO: *Ministers*—Rockwood MacQuesten, J. Wilford Jacks; *Elder*—Samuel Hadden.

23. ROCHESTER: *Ministers*—William L. Page, William Veenschoten; *Elder*—Marcus E. Griffin.

24. ST. LAWRENCE: *Ministers*—Charles R. Gillett, Andrew H. Harshaw; *Elder*—Edwin E. Arnold.

25. SIAM: *Ministers*—John Waugh, John Burrows, D. D.; *Elder*—Wesley Van Buskirk.

26. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—Isaac G. Ogden, George S. Webster; *Elder*—Jacob D. Cocks.

27. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—George T. Galbraith, Daniel M. Countermine; *Elder*—Samuel G. Sammons.

28. TROY: *Ministers*—Alexander W. Sproull, Henry L. Grandlienard; *Elder*—Alexander Carey.

29. UTICA: *Ministers*—Lawrence M. Stevens, Johnson A. Henderson; *Elder*—Nathan Williams.

30. WESTCHESTER—*Ministers*—Samuel A. Freeman, D. D., Theodore S. Day; *Elder*—James H. Merchant.

Printed copies of the Docket of Business and of the Minutes of the last stated meeting were distributed.

Overtures, memorials, appeals and complaints were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The Records of the Presbyteries were presented, and were referred to the Examining Committees.

The sudden decease, during the night, of Elder Wilson R. Ballintine, a delegate from the Presbytery of Rochester, was announced.

The reports of the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries were made the first order of the day for Thursday afternoon.

Rev. John McC. Holmes, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albany, sent reasons for his absence, which were sustained.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented, and, after discussion, was re-committed.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That a popular meeting be held in the evening at half-past seven o'clock for Home and Foreign Missions, to be addressed by the Rev. John Hall, D. D., the Rev. John M. Allis, of Chile, the Rev. Wellington J. White, missionary to China, and the Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D.

2. That the Rev. William A. Rice be heard on behalf of the American Tract Society at the opening of the afternoon session, to be followed by the Rev. Hervey D. Ganse, D. D., on behalf of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

3. That the Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D., be heard on behalf of the Board of Church Erection at half-past nine o'clock Thursday morning.

4. That the devotional services Thursday morning be conducted by Elder Robert Henderson.

The Committee also announced that arrangements had been made for an excursion to Niagara Falls immediately after the closing session of the Synod on Friday, to which the members of the Synod were cordially invited.

The invitation was accepted with the thanks of the Synod.

The Synodical Superintendents presented their report, and addressed the Synod.

The report was accepted and is as follows:

The summary of the work during the year ending September 30, 1890, is as follows:

Visits to congregations	226	Aided in organizing churches	4
Sermons	369	Meetings of Presbyteries attended	40
Baptisms	35	Dedication of churches	4
Lord's Supper administered	29	Presided at election of pastors	13
Received by examination	39	" on other occasions	16
" letter	16	Ordinations	5
Letters and cards written	2,750	Installations	8
Funerals attended	2	Miles traveled	27,440
Ruling Elders ordained	17	Expenses	$664.87
Deacons ordained	3	Received	726.89

It is with thanksgiving to God that we make record of a year filled up with work without interruption, or loss of opportunity. No adverse circumstances have intervened, and no vacation has been taken.

We are happy to report the comforting and strengthening co-operation of the ministers and elders in the Presbyteries, as well as a most gratifying and cordial reception by the churches, without which we could not have attained the present success.

The plan of work has been unchanged: preaching, evangelistic services, family visitation in congregations which had for some time been vacant, encouraging the weak churches and seeking to interest the strong in behalf of the weak, raising money to wipe out debts, or to build churches and parsonages, giving advice to sessions and trustees on ecclesiastical and civil questions, and especially acting as a bureau of information between ministers and churches; in short, making ourselves as helpful as possible towards all cases of need.

It has been a year of blessing and success. There are fewer unsupplied churches now than formerly, and the condition of the churches is better than usual.

One feature of progress has been the better care of the weak churches by the Presbyteries and their committees. More attention has been given to this with manifest results. The fostering care of the Presbytery is a power for good and meets with thankful response from the weak churches.

Aware of the debt of the Board of Home Missions, and the failure of the churches to raise the required sum for Synodical Aid, we have made every effort towards economy, grouping churches where possible, and giving less encouragement for aid to places in need. Sometimes important work has not been undertaken because of a lack of funds. This is a discouragement. It is not easy to find supplies for pulpits without adequate support. And as the churches close, the saloons multiply.

In a number of the weaker fields labor was performed by students during the summer.

Changes in routes of traffic and in methods of business, the emigration of the younger portion of the American population from the country to the centers and the west, the immigration of a foreign, mixed population, and the death of the older supporters of our rural churches, demand increasing effort to sustain these churches in order that the incoming population may be secured for Christ and his work.

We are glad, at the end of the year, to bring back to the Synod, from the places aided, the expressions of gratitude which we have heard, in repeated instances, for the sympathy of the stronger portions of the church.

The thanks of the Synod were presented to the Superintendents for their faithfulness, and an annual vacation of a month was granted each of them, to be taken at his convenience.

Papers were reported by the Stated Clerk and referred as follows:

To the Committee on Judicial Business:

A complaint of Rev. Henry Ward against a decision of the Presbytery of Buffalo.

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. An overture from the Presbytery of Westchester in regard to the formation of a New England Synod.

2. Overtures from the Presbyteries of St. Lawrence and Syracuse in regard to the "Presbyterian Ministers' Fund."

3. An overture from the Presbytery of Geneva, asking for the transfer of the church of Dundee from the Presbytery of Chemung.

4. An overture from the Presbytery of Albany asking for an amendment to the Standing Rules.

5. A Memorial from the American Sabbath Union.

6. A communication from Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., in reference to "The Church at Home and Abroad."

To the Committee on the place of the next meeting:

A communication from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence containing an extract from its minutes on the subject of the next meeting of the Synod.

The Rev. William W. Percival of the Synod of Toronto, Ontario, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A recess was taken until half-past two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 2.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Rev. William A. Rice addressed the Synod in behalf of the American Tract Society, pursuant to the order of the day.

The following minute was adopted:

The Synod of New York having listened with deep interest to the Rev. William A. Rice, Secretary of the American Tract Society, touching the needs of that time-honored institution, and the extent of its operations, records its appreciation of the world-wide and necessary work of the Society, auxiliary to all mission work at home and abroad, and commends it to the continued support of the people and churches within the bounds of the Synod.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following communications:

From the Young Men's Christian Association inviting the members of the Synod to visit its rooms.

From the Holly Manufacturing Company inviting the members of the Synod to inspect its works.

The invitations were accepted with the thanks of the Synod.

The Rev. Hervey D. Ganse, D. D., addressed the Synod on behalf of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, in accordance with the order of the day.

A resolution concerning the opening, on the Lord's day, of the Columbian Exposition to be held in Chicago, was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented an amended report, which was accepted and is as follows:

The year since the reconstruction of the Committee has been one of preparation rather than of extended action. Correspondence between its members encourages the hope that greater usefulness will characterize the work of the coming year. We regret the removal of the Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., beyond the bounds of the Synod. His faithful labors as Chairman of this Committee are well known. It is therefore fitting that we express our appreciation of his able services, and our reluctance to part with one so wise, so good, so true. Elder Horace B. Silliman also has asked to be released from further service on the Committee, owing to the pressure of other synodical work.

Two of the twenty-six home Presbyteries, Geneva and Troy, have forwarded reports.

Geneva is a crown jewel among the Presbyteries. Her report presents to the eye a photograph of her beneficent physiognomy. This she distributes among her churches, and secures thereby a greater degree of excellence in "proportionate giving." Thus she has been obedient to the recommendation of the last Assembly; and we commend her good example to the other Presbyteries, with the word of counsel, "Go and do thou likewise."

Troy presents a carefully prepared and stimulating report. A praiseworthy characteristic of it is the evident desire of the Presbytery to co-operate heartily with the Synod's Committee. Chemung and Nassau deserve mention for compliance with the instructions of the Synod to forward to the Synodical Committee the names of the chairmen of Presbyterial Committees. Your committee greatly desires to secure the aid and co-operation of all these committees, that it may gain some adequate knowledge of the whole field. Let all the Presbyterial reports be sent to the chairman of the

Synodical Committee promptly, and his annual survey must have a greatly enhanced value to the church.

Your committee feels the deepest solicitude at the manifest and deplorable indifference of the churches of the Synod to the great needs of our Boards. There is no Christian virtue in feeding beggars, however worthy, when this is knowingly done at the cost of honesty in paying our just dues. When the church promptly and cheerfully fulfills her contracts with her sons and daughters on the mission fields, when she amply provides for her aged fathers, and abundantly aids her weak churches, schools, colleges, and students, then, with glory to herself, she may devote her surplus to non-Presbyterian objects of charity, which, at present, seem to be carrying away "hatfuls of coin from Presbyterian coffers." If the Presbyterians of this Synod do not know that they are morally culpable in the large disbursement of funds to the objects called in our minutes "Miscellaneous," while our missionaries are compelled either to starve or incur debts, and to plead for boxes of old clothes, then they ought to be told so in all wisdom, tenderness and love. Your committee considers it its chief business at present faithfully to wound that type of Presbyterianism which starves its children in order to give bread to strangers.

By comparing the statistics of this year with those of preceding years, it will be seen :

1. That the total gifts of the Synod have increased, for two years, $274,067 ; for one year, $105,909.

2. That the gifts to benevolence at large have decreased, for two years, $95,693 ; for one year, $77,780.

3. That the gifts to congregational expenses, the General Assembly and miscellaneous objects, have increased, for two years, $369,760 ; for one year, $183,689.

4. That the actual gifts to the church Boards have decreased, for two years, $26,365 ; for one year, $10,775.

5. That the payments by the Boards to the Synod have increased for two years, $17,679 ; for one year, $1,235.

6. That the difference between the amounts credited in the Assembly minutes to work represented by the Boards, and the actual receipts of the Boards is $327,686.

7. That this difference, added to the gifts called "Miscellaneous," shows a disbursement of $613,289 to objects of benevolence extraneous to the work of the Church.

8. That deducting from the actual receipts of the Boards the disbursements of the Boards within the Synod, there has been contributed to all the Boards the net sum of $248,829, equal to $1.57 for each communicant.

9. That the number of communicants, excluding the foreign Presbyteries, is 158,226, an increase over last year of 3,869, and for two years of 8,589.

10. That for two years the number of communicants has been steadily increasing, while the gifts to the Boards have been steadily decreasing.

This Synod ranks, in the amount of its gifts, *First* in Home Missions, Sustentation, Foreign Missions, Education, Church Erection and Ministerial Relief ; and *Second* in Sunday School work. Aid for Colleges and Missions to Freedmen. The following tables show the important comparisons, in detail, for the year ending May 1, 1890 :

I. A comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod.

Boards, etc.	1889.	1890.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions	$305,539	$283,768	$21,771	----------
Foreign Missions	189,776	188,391	1,385	----------
Education	27,644	31,697	----------	$4,053
Sunday School Work	20,433	25,389	----------	4,956
Church Erection	51,047	76,778	----------	25,731
Relief Fund	124,874	29,835	95,039	----------
Freedmen	24,424	24,374	50	----------
Sustentation	12,027	12,508	----------	481
Aid for Colleges	18,220	23,464	----------	5,244
Total	$773,984	$696,204	$118,245	$40,465
General Assembly	13,002	13,725	----------	723
Congregational	2,044,801	2,224,799	----------	179,998
Miscellaneous	282,635	285,603	----------	2,968
Grand Total	$3,114,422	$3,220,331	$118,245	$224,154

II. Comparison of the Actual Receipts of the Boards.

Boards, etc	1889.	1890.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions	$162,768.14	$151,498.91	$11,269.23	----------
Foreign Missions	110,230.89	104,649.75	5,581.14	----------
Education	16,538.66	16,218.19	320.47	----------
Sunday School Work	11,689.67	13,627.78	----------	$1,938.11
Church Erection	18,889.12	22,733.41	----------	3,844.29
Relief Fund	29,302.72	27,905.31	1,397.41	----------
Freedmen	22,282.93	22,598.24	----------	315.31
Sustentation	9,683.61	11,672.99	----------	1,989.38
Aid for Colleges	7,907.47	7,613.61	293.86	----------
Total	$389,293.21	$378,518.19	$18,862.11	$8,087.09

III. Comparison of Payments by the Boards to the Synod.

Boards.	1889.	1890.	Decrease.	Increase.
Home Missions	$39,651.30	$42,612.13	----------	$2,960.83
Foreign Missions	3,448.09	6,255.00	----------	2,806.91
Education	9,986.71	9,897.50	$89.21	----------
Church Erection	7,516.00	2,250.00	5,266.00	----------
Relief Fund	17,020.00	17,842.50	----------	822.50
Total	$77,622.10	$78,857.13	$5,355.21	$6,590.24

IV. Comparison of the Rates per Member.

Objects.	1889.	1890.	Loss.	Gain.	Entire Church in 1890
To all Objects	$20.18	$20.35	----	$0.17	$18.52
To Congregational Expenses and General Assembly	13.33	14.15	----	.82	12.99
To Benevolence at Large	6.85	6.20	.65	----	5.52
To the Boards of the Church alone	2.52	2.39	.13	----	----------

V. Comparison of Presbyteries, showing the blanks in the Assembly Tables.

Presbyteries.	Number of Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sunday School Work.	Church Erection.	Relief Fund.	Freedmen.	Sustentation	Aid for Colleges.	Number of Blanks.	Possible Collections.	Actual Collections.	Percentage.
Albany	53	11	10	19	15	20	21	23	13	29	161	477	316	66
Binghamton	28	8	8	15	11	14	12	16	13	19	116	252	136	54
Boston	34	0	6	10	10	9	18	15	24	21	119	306	187	61
Brooklyn	33	3	6	7	12	7	7	8	11	13	74	297	223	75
Buffalo	43	9	9	17	8	19	18	19	18	21	138	387	249	64
Cayuga	23	2	3	10	7	9	8	8	8	10	65	207	142	69
Champlain	18	2	3	9	9	9	9	10	9	11	71	162	91	56
Chemung	22	1	7	15	7	15	12	12	8	18	95	198	103	52
Columbia	19	2	5	9	9	9	10	9	13	8	74	171	97	57
Genesee	22	3	3	10	6	12	10	10	12	16	82	198	116	59
Geneva	23	3	3	5	5	5	4	5	4	8	42	207	165	80
Hudson	43	3	3	5	10	6	7	10	9	9	62	387	325	84
Long Island	24	1	3	8	6	8	7	8	4	11	56	216	160	74
Lyons	18	3	4	6	4	7	6	8	6	9	53	162	109	67
Nassau	24	2	4	11	10	8	10	11	12	14	82	216	134	62
New York	56	2	9	18	22	18	14	24	36	30	173	504	331	66
Niagara	19	2	2	6	6	6	7	5	7	10	51	171	120	70
North River	30	6	7	14	10	11	9	11	13	17	98	270	172	64
Otsego	26	3	8	11	8	13	12	9	9	15	88	234	146	62
Rochester	45	9	6	15	12	14	11	11	18	17	104	405	301	74
St. Lawrence	30	6	8	15	17	18	15	16	7	20	122	270	148	55
Steuben	26	6	6	10	9	10	13	13	14	17	98	234	136	58
Syracuse	40	8	12	22	15	20	22	19	19	20	157	360	203	56
Troy	42	7	11	22	21	24	23	22	16	27	173	378	205	54
Utica	44	7	8	18	15	14	17	19	14	22	134	396	262	66
Westchester	36	2	3	6	8	5	3	9	9	11	56	324	268	82
Total	821	102	157	319	272	310	305	330	326	423	2544	7389	4845	66

Your Committee recommends :

I. That an abstract of this report be printed, and a copy placed in the hands of the minister of every church in the Synod.

II. That the second Lord's Day of December next, the 14th, be set apart for special prayer and conference upon the subject of Presbyterian Beneficence ; the pastors being requested, on that day, (1) to read Chapter VI of the Directory for Worship in the hearing of the people; (2) to explain publicly the significance of the financial statistics of the Synod for the last two years ; and (3) to exhort the churches to a greater degree of loyalty to the distinctively Presbyterian objects of beneficence represented by the several Boards.

The recommendations were adopted.

An additional recommendation was presented, and its consideration postponed until after the report on the expenses of committees.

The committee on "Synodical Aid" presented its report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted. The report is as follows:

The committee began its work in December last, by correspondence with the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries. On the basis of $30,000, as determined by the Synod, apportionments were made among the Presbyteries according to the number of their communicants respectively. Over fifty thousand circulars were distributed through the state. It is believed that with the assistance of the Synodical Superintendents, the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, the chairmen of Sustentation Committees, and Mr. Oliver D. Eaton, the Treasurer, ample information was circulated.

During the meeting of the Assembly, however, the committee redistributed the Presbyteries among its members, in order to give still farther information, and to call attention to any delinquencies. A committee from the Presbytery of New York met with your committee, and expressed its entire sympathy with the aim of the Synod in this enterprise, and its purpose to secure, if possible, an increase in the gifts of that Presbytery to this fund. Their reason for any seeming remissness was that the peculiar demands upon the Presbytery of New York had rendered its contributions smaller than they otherwise would be.

While your Committee is disappointed in not being able to report such results as it wished and strongly expected, it is encouraged by the fact that increasing interest is manifested in its work, and that, notwithstanding a marked falling off in contributions to other objects, there has been some enlargement here. The receipts of the first year were $9,219.40; of the second, $11,286.11; while this year they are $21,692.18, an increase of $1,406.07, though still less than half of the $30,000 needed.

Of the 791 churches reported this year, 459 have contributed, leaving 332 non-contributing, as follows:

Presbyteries.	No. of Churches.	Contributing.	Non-contributing.
Albany	51	33	18
Binghamton	28	12	16
Brooklyn	32	20	12
Buffalo	41	24	17
Cayuga	24	10	14
Champlain	18	8	10
Chemung	22	14	8
Columbia	19	9	10
Genesee	22	12	10
Geneva	22	17	5
Hudson	43	30	13
Long Island	24	19	5
Lyons	17	12	5
Nassau	24	15	9
New York	63	21	42
Niagara	19	7	12
North River	29	15	14
Otsego	26	13	13
Rochester	46	26	20
St. Lawrence	30	22	8
Steuben	26	14	12
Syracuse	41	21	20
Troy	42	26	16
Utica	45	34	11
Westchester	37	25	12

While some of the Presbyteries have gained in the number of contributing churches, others have lost, leaving little change in the result. Albany still leads, and the relative position of the Presbyteries is much the same as last year. Not one has reached the amount assigned to it.

The following schedule shows what the Presbyteries are asking from the Fund; the actual amounts they have paid; the sums they have received during the year; and the apportionments originally made, on a basis of 20½ cents per member.

Presbyteries.	No. of Churches aided.	Amounts appropriated to them.	Amounts paid by Presbyteries to Synodical Aid.	Amounts paid to Presbyteries.	Amounts asked from Presbyteries for Aid Fund.
Albany	10	$1,425	$1,664	$1,754	$2,080
Binghamton	5	1,175	321	713	889
Brooklyn	6	2,210	762	1,675	3,277
Buffalo	5	1,350	517	1,118	1,543
Cayuga	6	900	382	550	862
Champlain	5	1,050	133	1,205	376
Chemung	9	1,500	223	1,150	491
Columbia	7	950	134	775	413
Genesee	2	450	189	500	608
Geneva	3	525	727	490	946
Hudson	8	1,350	440	1,169	1,158
Long Island	5	700	348	250	680
Lyons	4	850	89	600	486
Nassau	7	2,175	232	1,800	590
New York	5	3,340	1,843	2,865	4,505
Niagara	----	--------	51	--------	586
North River	2	350	250	227	1,074
Otsego	4	575	226	597	588
Rochester	4	950	609	725	1,999
St. Lawrence	6	750	382	539	773
Steuben	8	1,650	122	1,399	634
Syracuse	10	1,246	443	1,325	1,212
Troy	11	1,535	797	1,073	1,521
Utica	6	900	859	1,183	1,434
Westchester	3	1,000	515	500	1,307

It thus appears that every Presbytery, except Niagara, has churches for which it is compelled to ask aid. Where is this aid to come from? If these 141 churches were not in existence their absence would not only be felt in demoralizing influences throughout our rural districts, but the influx from these localities would increase the obstacles to our church work in larger places. There is created by this state of things a mutual dependence. The large centers gain the helpers and wealth which reduce the ability of the rural churches. These, in turn, must be assisted until their growth, necessarily slow, shall place them beyond need. This part of our Home Missionary field has the strongest possible claims. The aid called for must come from the first of the tithes and offerings. The committee expresses the hope that, on due consideration, the Presbyteries, churches, sessions, and committees on sustentation will consider it both a duty and a privilege to look after this need at their own doors, not forgetting the apostolic teaching, that if we provide not for our own we have denied the faith and are worse than infidels. At the same time our sympathy and gifts must not be abated towards the wide domain we call our country.

The committee is persuaded that this plan of aiding the churches, with the efficient labors of the synodical superintendents, is the most feasible that has been proposed, and needs only a thorough support to render it a complete success.

It is recommended:

1. That, for the present year, the Synod ask for $30,000, to be apportioned among the Presbyteries according to the number of their communicants, respectively.

2. That the Presbyterial Committees on Home Missions and Sustentation be requested to consider applications for aid with great care, and to ask for as little from this Fund, through the Board of Home Missions, as possible; and whenever feasible to unite contiguous churches in a single pastoral charge.

3. That our Synodical Superintendents be instructed to use diligent effort towards securing contributions to this fund.

The committee was continued, with authority to fill any vacancies that may occur.

A resolution concerning the Synodical Aid Plan was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on a "Mileage System and the Expenses of Committees" presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

After careful consideration, the committee respectfully reports:

First, as to a Mileage Fund:

There can be no doubt that a mileage system, similar to that of the General Assembly, would be highly desirable. Practically, however, there are serious difficulties in the way. On the existing basis of representation it would triple at least the present rate of apportionment. Your Committee doubts the expediency of ordering such a large increase. It is likewise unprepared to recommend a change in the ratio of representation, whereby the number of delegates would be largely reduced.

It recommends, therefore, that this whole matter be referred to the Presbyteries, and that they severally be urged to provide for the expenses of their delegates in so far as may seem to them wise and practicable.

Second, as to the Expenses of Committees:

Your Committee cannot but regard it as unsafe and unwise for the Synod to open the door of its treasury to the many committees it may appoint. The zeal of some committees, interested in particular lines of work, might involve the Synod in large expenditure for traveling, printing, etc., which the Church ought not to pay. The Synod should exercise a prudent care regarding the assumption of such unknown and sometimes needless expenses. Ordinarily the expenses of Committees are small, and are met with pleasure by the Committees themselves. In extraordinary cases, involving considerable necessary outlay, the expense should be met, without question, by the Synod. But these exceptional cases cannot be determined beforehand.

It is recommended, therefore, that no action be taken, and that it be left to the discretion of the Synod to order the payment of committee expenses in such special cases as may seem to have exceptional claims.

A resolution authorizing an appropriation to the Committee on the Synodical Aid Plan of $100 for the past year, and the same amount for the ensuing year, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following papers and recommendations :

Overtures 1 and 2. From the Presbyteries of St. Lawrence and Syracuse, the first asking the Synod to approve of the "Presbyterian Ministers' Fund," and the second requesting the Synod to nominate Corporate Members of the Fund.

It is recommended that these papers be referred to the Special Committee on this subject.

No. 3. From the Presbytery of Albany, requesting that the second section of the Fifth Standing Rule be repealed.

It is recommended that the Stated and Permanent Clerks, and Elder Warner Van Norden, be appointed a Committee to consider this request, and to propose any further revision of the Rules that may be desirable.

No. 4. From the Presbytery of Geneva, requesting the transfer of the Church of Dundee to that Presbytery, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

It is recommended that a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. J. Wilford Jacks, Asher B. Temple, Charles C. Carr, Isaac Jennings, Marcus N. Preston and John S. Bacon, be appointed to consider a re-adjustment of the boundaries of the Presbyteries of Chemung, Geneva and Steuben, so as to provide for what may be best for all, and report to the Synod next year.

No. 5. From the Presbytery of Westchester, asking the appointment of a committee to consider the question of erecting a separate Synod in the New England States.

It is recommended that it be considered inexpedient to take any present action on the subject.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee of Visitors to the University of the City of New York presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee reports that it has discharged the duty assigned to it. On a day designated as convenient to the Faculty, the Committee, with the exception of two members who were necessarily absent, met the students, and several of the instructors, in the chapel, and afterwards visited the classes in the different recitation rooms. Every facility was afforded to the Committee for the most careful inspection of the course of study, and of the method of teaching; and the result was a very strong feeling of approbation on the minds of all who enjoyed the privilege of this visit of inspection. A very fine body of young men is now gathered within the walls of this

institution, and the tone of the instruction was evidently earnest, serious and sympathetic. Your Committee is of one mind in desiring for this institution an increase in the number of its students, and a more adequate endowment for the accomplishment of the great work of Christian education to which it is consecrated.

The third recommendation of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was taken up, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Rev. Samuel Dunham and Elder Frank L. Goodenough, delegates of the Presbytery of Binghamton, communicated reasons for absence, which were sustained.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

Your visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary respectfully report the discharge of the duties entrusted to them. They attended the examinations and the closing exercises of the year, and were highly gratified by the abundant evidence afforded both of the thoroughness and scholarly character of the instruction given by the faculty, and of the diligence and application of the students. They most heartily commend the Seminary to the continued confidence and enlarged support of the Church, believing that Auburn has done, and is still to do, a noble work in fitting men for the ministry of the Gospel.

Since the close of the Seminary year Prof. Ransom B. Welch, D. D., LL. D., has been removed by death. Professor Darling has been transferred from the chair of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology to the chair thus left vacant, and will hereafter give the instruction in Christian Theology.

An effort has been started to increase the endowment of the Seminary by some $200,000. Of this amount $36,000 has been bequeathed by the late Professor Welch for the erection and care of a new chapel and class building. The committee hopes to supplement this bequest by an amount sufficient to warrant the immediate construction of such a building, and also the providing of a gymnasium. Subscriptions have been secured to the amount of $50,000 for the endowment of a president's chair, such officer to give instruction in Pastoral Theology, and so allow the future Professor of Homiletics to devote his whole time to that department.

Although the eminent clergymen first chosen to these two positions have felt constrained to decline them, we may yet believe that by the Lord's Spirit and providence the right men will soon be secured. Meanwhile the other professors in the Seminary are cheerfully discharging the enlarged duties temporarily laid upon them.

The Committee on Sunday School Work presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

Inasmuch as statistics were presented a year ago, and there have been no material changes since, we deem it superfluous to rehearse and re-publish them in full. After the work of the Census Department of the government is finished, doubtless some facts

and figures will be forthcoming which should be brought to the attention of our churches.

Your Committee has received detailed reports from one-half of the Presbyteries. These, together with the tabular statement in the minutes of the Assembly for 1890, indicate that no department of our Church work is conducted more intelligently, or makes more satisfactory progress.

For the year ending in April, 1890, we had within the bounds of this Synod 945 Sunday schools, with 176,000 officers, teachers and scholars, an increase of 4,000 over the previous year; with a reported average attendance of scholars at church of 40,000. The number reported as admitted from the Sunday schools to the communion of the Church is 5,149, an increase of 287. Contributions were $127,000, an increase of $15,000. The reported average attendance in the schools is about 99,000, which, omitting those schools and Presbyteries that fail to report the average, represents 58 per cent. of the enrollment.

We discover that many important schools do not give an account of the Church attendance, the number received into full communion, and other important points, and some fail to report the average attendance. For these reasons the tables are defective. The totals, as given in the footings, not being in full, are incorrect, and do not make as good a showing for our schools as the facts will warrant.

The Church attendance is reported for only two-thirds of the total number of members, and the additions on examination for only about three-fourths of the whole. Estimating the unreported at the same average as the reported, we have a church attendance of nearly 60,000, or about 34 per cent., and the total additions on examination would be increased to about 6,500.

This is an encouraging exhibit, and creditable alike to the heads and hearts of the Sunday school laborers of the Empire State. A careful examination of the figures must inspire every one with hope for the future of the Presbyterian Church. For if these thousands of youth and children are properly trained in the knowledge of the Scriptures, and of our denominational standards, our Church is destined to grow stronger and more rapidly than ever.

But the statistics reveal that there is much room for patient and substantial work. For example, the attendance of scholars at public worship should be steadily increased, likewise the number who commit to memory the Shorter Catechism, and the number received into the full communion of the Church.

It is recommended :

1. That the Permanent Committee be re-organized and consist of three members; that it open correspondence with the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees with a view of obtaining fuller and more accurate statistics, and other facts and suggestions for our annual report; and that the Chairman of the Permanent Committee be a member of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, in the department representing Publication and Sabbath school work.

2. That every school be urged to form a normal class for the preparation of members of the Church to serve as substitutes or to become permanent teachers.

3. That officers and teachers be urged to keep a record each Sunday of the attendance at the regular Church services of members of the school, and to make earnest effort to increase such attendance.

4. That superintendents be requested to encourage, on the part of teachers and scholars, the practice of committing to memory the whole or a portion of each lesson.

5. That the special attention of pastors and superintendents be directed to the plan of "Sabbath School Extension" proposed in a printed circular by the superintendent of Sabbath School and Missionary Work of the Board of Publication; and that, in accordance with the plan therein proposed, "Churches and Sabbath schools shall devote the coming six months to a concentrated and persistent effort to gather into the Sabbath school all neglected children and youth within the bounds of their congregations."

The Committee of Visitors to Adams Collegiate Institute presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted:

No material change in this institution has occurred during the year. The number of its students and its general prosperity are about the same as they have been for several years past.

Thus far the Institute is free from debt. It is, however, merely a question of time when it must be endowed or become a petty local school. Its income is not sufficient to pay the running expenses, and to make such improvements as are required to place the school on a basis where it can meet the demands of the day in the way of education.

Your Committee found that the Trustees of the Institute had appointed Mr. Isaac A. Wood, of Watertown, solicitor for the Endowment Fund, and this appointment was endorsed by the Presbytery of St. Lawrence at its last Spring meeting.

A resolution also was passed by the same body, commending this institution to the Churches under its care, and recommending that collections be taken on its behalf. Only a small sum has as yet been secured by the solicitor, to which may be added some promises.

Your Committee feels that the Synod owes it to itself, and to Adams Collegiate Institute, to take steps to secure speedily the needed endowment. Many cogent reasons might be urged, were it necessary. This, however, may be said, that the reception of any school under the fostering care of a denomination tends to limit its patronage. It is but just that such a school shall reap a corresponding benefit in the way of substantial aid.

It is recommended that the Committee of Visitors for the ensuing year, take such steps as shall be deemed wise for the immediate and adequate endowment of this institution.

The Rev. Messrs. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Andrew Burrows, D. D., J. Loughran Scott, D. D., and Elder Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, were appointed a Committee to draft a minute in view of the death of the Rev. Charles C. Wallace, D. D., of the Presbytery of Boston, a former Moderator of this body.

The Special Committee on the "Presbyterian Ministers' Fund" presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted:

The "Presbyterian Ministers' Fund" is the name of a corporation having all the features of the ordinary life insurance company. It is peculiar only in being designed for "Ministers and their families of any church Presbyterian in polity," and in being under the management of Presbyterian ministers and elders. It is strictly a Presbyterian life insurance corporation; and beyond that we cannot learn that it offers advantages above other institutions of a similar kind.

It has had an interesting history, being the oldest institution of the kind in this country. It was organized by the action of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia in 1759, and was recognized as a church institution until about 1837. Since that time it has received no official endorsement or recognition by the Church until, two years ago, the plan of having it recognized and supervised as a church institution was revived and pressed.

The present management now asks the Synods, instead of the Presbyteries as heretofore, to nominate ministers or elders who might be chosen into the corporate membership, two from each reporting 200 churches or 20,000 communicant members; asking that the Presbyteries only appoint committees, who shall report as in the case of other church institutions.

The duties of corporate members will be to elect directors and report concerning the fund each year to the Synod. This request has been favorably acted upon by the Synods of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The General Assembly of 1888 took the following action on an overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia:

"The Assembly believes that a corporation such as that known as the 'Presbyterian Ministers' Fund' is competent to commend itself by the wisdom and efficiency of its management, and the Assembly does not feel called upon to endorse an institution not directly under its control."

Your Committee finds that the corporation is in good standing, and that the fidelity with which the trust has been maintained through so long a time is commendable; nevertheless it feels constrained to give its judgment that it has no proper standing as a church institution, to be recognized and fostered by official action. Although it originated in the Church with a most benevolent purpose in view, that was in a day when there were no other means of life insurance available, and the financial conditions were very different from the present. Its benevolent claims are not clear to your Committee, which cannot see why it should not stand on the same independent basis as other corporations doing a similar business, and affording an equal measure of relief to their patrons.

Your committee is convinced that it would be unwise for the Synod to take any action which should seem like an endorsement of the business ability and financial trustworthiness of such a corporation. To recognize it as a church institution, to be reported regularly to this body, and to nominate members of the corporation, appear to us such an endorsement. The following resolution is therefore recommended:

Resolved, That the Synod does not feel called upon to take action which shall involve any responsibility in the management of the "Presbyterian Ministers' Fund,"

or any endorsement of its standing, or its worthiness to be patronized by our ministers.

The consideration of the report on the Observance of the Lord's Day was made the second order, and the consideration of the reports on Elmira College was made the third order for Thursday morning.

It was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a minute in view of the sudden death of Elder Wilson R. Ballintine, a member of this body.

An overture from the Presbytery of Cayuga in reference to the Synodical Aid plan was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee of Visitors to Union Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee respectfully reports that for various reasons the duties of Chairman devolved upon the third member; that of the eight brethren appointed only three could serve, and of these, only two on more days than one. With such diminished numbers, it was not possible to be represented at the examinations throughout. By apportioning the work, however, the Committee was able to be present for a portion of the time at every one of the eleven examinations, which took place from April 28 to May 2; also, by the kind invitation of the Faculty and Board of Directors, at the anniversary exercises, both of the Institution and the Alumni Association, which were held in the following week.

The Committee desires to express its sense of the marked enthusiasm and assiduity of the professors, and the general excellence displayed by the students; and to commend the Institution anew to the sympathy and support of the Synod. Every courtesy was extended by the Examiners to the Committee, and every facility afforded for inquiring into the methods and work of the Seminary.

The number of students connected with the Senior, Middle and Junior Classes during the year was 159.

The Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted:

During the year which closed in April last, the women of the Synod of New York sent, through the treasury of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, including work for freedmen, $61,320, besides the value of over $40,000 in clothing and household comforts to missionary families on the field. There was an increase in money contributed, over the previous year, of $4,135.53.

Growing demands and earnest appeals for new schools in untried fields call for a greater advance in the coming year. God grant that the hearts of our people may be awake to the immediate and vast needs of our country!

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

Addresses were made by the Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D., and the Rev. John Hall, D. D., on Home Missions, and the Rev. John M. Allis on the work of the Church in Chile.

The Rev. Messrs. Asher B. Temple and Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D., and Elder David D. McNair were appointed the Committee to report a minute concerning the decease of Elder Wilson R. Ballintine.

Adjourned until Thursday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

THURSDAY, October 23, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. James Gardner, D. D.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present:

Of the Presbytery of Rochester—Rev. John McColl.

Of the Presbytery of Westchester—Elder Edward Wells.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College was made the second order of the day, and the report of the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day was postponed and made the second order for the afternoon.

Elders Louis W. Pratt and Edward P. Durant, delegates from the Presbytery of Albany, sent reasons for absence, which were sustained.

The first order of the day was taken up, and the Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Church Erection, addressed the Synod.

The Moderator announced the following appointments:

1. To fill vacancies in the Committee on Systematic Beneficence: the Rev. William S. Hubbell, D. D., to represent Home Missions; and to represent the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, Elder George N. Pierce.

2. As the Committee on Sunday School Work, the Rev. Messrs. A. Woodruff Halsey and George R. Smith, and Elder Horace B. Silliman.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be administered at half-past seven o'clock, the Rev. James Gardner, D. D., preside, assisted by Rev. Charles Van Norden; and that the following Ruling Elders serve the communicants: Stephen M. Clement, Frederick M. Barrows, M. D., Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Franklin Edgerton, Horace E. Smith, and Thomas T. Flagler.

2. That after the communion, addresses be made by the Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., and Elder Warner Van Norden, on Woman's Work in the Church.

The Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

Eight years ago the Synod proposed to add to the endowment of Hamilton College the sum of $500,000, (afterward reduced to $300,000), in order that the College might be brought into closer relations with the Presbyterian Church. Each year since a committee has been appointed to accomplish this result, and these committees have acted with different degrees of energy and success.

In 1888, at a conference of the Synod's Committee with the trustees of the college, the sum of $80,000 was agreed upon as the amount paid into the treasury of the college up to that date, applicable to the Presbyterian Endowment Fund. Since that

time there has been paid $68,455. There are also subscriptions and bequests, rated as good, to the amount of $33,389, making an aggregate of $181,844, nearly all presumably intended for the Presbyterian Endowment Fund, although not all so designated.

The Committee does not consider it within its province to discuss the wisdom of the Synod of New York at its first convention, in desiring, so far as it could, to remedy what it characterized as the acknowledged neglect of the Presbyterian Church as a Church of Christ, in the matter of higher education; by which neglect she has been untrue both to her doctrines and her history, and has been relegated to a position, in this respect, far in the rear of the other great denominations; or in its action in that and subsequent sessions, in earnestly seeking to establish and suitably endow a distinctively Presbyterian College in the State of New York, worthy of the great Church it should represent; or in the great unanimity and enthusiasm of its conclusion, that those desirable ends could best be accomplished by adding to the valuable property and large endowment of Hamilton College a sufficient sum to make it, not *a* college of the state, but *the* college of the state, with a curriculum the broadest, and instruction the best that can be found from the ocean to the lakes. The spirit of these early expressions has been approved at each subsequent session of the Synod to the present time.

The Committee feels that if ever it were wise to make such resolutions and efforts, there never was a time when it was wiser than the present, nor was the need ever more imperative for a determined effort to assist the Presbyterian Church, in the language of the Assembly, to regain, in the work of Christian education, that supremacy to which it is entitled by its grand system of doctrine and its equally grand history. Nor is there anything in the present condition of Hamilton College demanding a revision of the views or action of the Synod. Its high scholastic standard has not been lowered. Its financial condition is much better than for many years. Its physical appointments are largely increased and improved. Its faculty is able, faithful, zealous and harmonious. Its Board of Trust is complete and united. Its spiritual condition is most satisfactory. In all these respects it has never stood higher than at present, or had greater promise for the future. The past year has been one of increased interest in the College, and of generous contribution; and your committee believes that if the members of the Synod approve of what has already been done, and will take a proper interest in the matter, the coming year will see not only the amount raised which is required to redeem its pledge, but a much larger sum, enough to make the college even a greater power for good than in the past, and a worthy representative of the Presbyterian Church in the State of New York.

The Committee recommends:

1. That the effort to complete the proposed endowment of Hamilton College be continued, and commended to the prompt and increased liberality of churches and people.

2. That a Committee on Endowment of nine ministers and six ruling elders be appointed, with powers the same as those given to the committee of last year.

3. That the Synod reiterate the recommendation of previous years, that each Presbytery secure a scholarship in Hamilton College; and inasmuch as a fund has been provided from which $500 will be given towards each of such scholarships, that all

the Presbyteries be urged to make an earnest effort to secure the advantage of this offer, and thus not only add to the endowment fund, but assist many young men to prepare for the gospel ministry, who shall be qualified to maintain the old faith and doctrine, "the faith once for all delivered to the saints."

In connection with the report, Elder Horace B. Silliman, LL. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of Hamilton College.

The committee was continued.

The Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, of the Synod of Michigan, and the Rev. Wellington J. White, of the Synod of China, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Elmira College Commission presented the following report, which was accepted:

The Commission reports that it visited Elmira College, held a conference with the Board of Trustees, and gave such advice as was considered pertinent in the circumstances. Dr. Phraner had resigned the presidency of the college, much to the regret and sorrow of all, and the Board of Trustees was then consulting as to his successor. The Trustees have since elected a President, and the College is in a flourishing condition. The Commission asks to be discharged.

The request was granted.

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College presented a report, which was accepted, and of which the following is an abstract:

Having been re-chartered, in 1855, as "Elmira Female College," this institution has entered upon its 35th year. It claims the honor of being the first place of learning for women in this country, entitled both by legal right, and by a higher course of study, to rank as a college. It offers a carefully arranged and full collegiate course extending through four years, with all the necessary advantages of libraries, apparatus, literary societies and lectures.

The Committee expresses its delight with what it saw and heard during its official visits, listening to recitations, hearing the explanations of professors respecting courses and methods of study, and inspecting the college apparatus. Gratifying evidence was afforded of thoroughness of instruction, close application to study and spiritual culture. The training furnished is second to none in the land.

The college building is finely located and admirably arranged, with the requisite conveniences. Yet its usefulness is limited by its remaining needs—a new gymnasium, a new music hall, and a larger and better library. The interior of the building, however, has been modernized, electric lights have been introduced into all the rooms, and various other improvements have been made.

There is a growing interest in the college among its life-long friends. Its graduates are eagerly sought for as teachers in high schools and academies. An important step has been taken in the gradual abolition of the preparatory department, and the name has been changed to "Elmira College." The number of students, which was 136 during the last semester, has increased to 184. Its high requirements in scholarship keep the institution abreast of the times; and through gratuitous tuition, in part at least, it proffers the benefits of higher education to students who might otherwise be debarred from obtaining them.

Elmira College needs, what every living and growing institution needs—money. A fuller endowment is an imperative necessity. Let its friends rally, let our Church once fully appreciate what its own college is doing, and its halls will be thronged with students, and its resources multiplied.

The Committee congratulates the Synod that an institution of learning so large, important and flourishing is under its watch and care, and commends the college, with its teachers and students, to the sympathies, the prayers and the generous aid of our churches and people.

The Rev. Charles Van Norden, the President of Elmira College, addressed the Synod by invitation.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Elmira College was presented, accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the minutes.

The Rev. William Waith, Ph. D., Rev. John Burrows, D. D., and Elder James B. Holmes were appointed a committee to nominate trustees of the Synod in place of those whose term of office now expires.

On the recommendation of the Committee to nominate Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College, the following were duly elected:

TRUSTEES: Rev. Isaac Jennings, Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D., Rev. Charles Van Norden, Rev. George C. Curtis, D. D., Rev. William R. Duryea, D. D., Warner Van Norden, Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams, for the term of three years; and in place of Miss Anna B. Pratt, resigned, Mrs. Josephine Gifford, to serve for one year.

EXAMINERS: Rev. A. Cameron McKenzie, Rev. James R. Robinson, and Rev. Ninian B. Remick, D. D., to serve for three years; and in place of Rev. Frederick B. Savage, D. D., the Hon. J. Sloat Fassett, to serve for one year.

The Committee to nominate Visitors to Theological Seminaries, Colleges, etc., reported, recommending the following appointments:

AUBURN SEMINARY: *Ministers*—Howard Crosby, D. D., Asa S. Fiske, William F. Faber, Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., T. Parsons Sawin; *Elders*—George E. Sterry, William E. Dodge, Stephen M. Clement.

UNION SEMINARY: *Ministers*—Samuel Jessup, D. D., Francis B. Wheeler, D. D., David G. Wylie, Ph. D., William R. Taylor, Ninian B. Remick, D. D.; *Elders*—John Stewart, Warner Van Norden, John C. Tucker.

UNIVERSITY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK: *Ministers*—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D., Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., James S. Riggs, D. D., Arthur Huntington Allen, Anthony H. Evans, Marcus N. Preston, L. Mason Clarke; *Elders*—Joseph H. Plumb, James R. Howe, Darwin R. James.

ADAMS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE: *Ministers*—Henry Darling, D. D., Edward Huntting Rudd, Lansing Van Schoonhoven, Isaac Jennings, George B. Spalding, D. D., Samuel T. Hayt, D. D.; *Elders*—Rodolphus C. Briggs, De Alton Dwight.

The recommendations were adopted.

A recess was taken until half-past two o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 23, 2.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the following Presbyteries reported, recommending that the records severally be approved as far as written, namely: Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Buffalo, Cayuga, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, Niagara, North Laos, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Siam, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Westchester.

The reports were adopted.

The records of the Presbyteries of Chile and Oroomiah were not presented, and the committees were discharged.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the decease of Elder Wilson R. Ballintine, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased God in His providence to remove by sudden death Wilson R. Ballintine, a member of this body, of the delegation of Rochester Presbytery, and a ruling elder in the Church of Scottsville; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That in his death this Synod has lost a useful member, his family its beloved and honored head, and his church and community a man of pure life and of zeal in all good works.

2. That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to his stricken family, and that we pray that they may be sustained and comforted in this sore and sudden trial.

3. That in his swift removal at this time, and in the midst of his days, each member of this body is admonished to greater diligence in the service of God, and to constant readiness for the final summons.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D. D.

The Rev. John Hall, D. D., was heard in behalf of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

Miss Florence Stevenson was invited to speak in the evening at the popular meeting, in reference to Woman's Work in the South.

The Committee on Religion and Public Education presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows :

At Poughkeepsie last year a report was presented defining the legal status of the question and giving the actual practice of the schools in the State of New York.

Following the instructions of last year your Committee set to work at an early date to reach the various religious denominations in the state, and lay before them the question of morals and religion in relation to public education. It succeeded in reaching the following: The New York, Wyoming, New York East, North New York, Central New York, Troy and Genesee Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church ; the New York and Brooklyn Association and the State Association of the Congregational Church ; the Particular Synods of New York and Albany and the New York Classis of the Reformed Church ; the Episcopal Convention, Diocese of Long Island ; the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; and the New York and New Jersey Synod and the Hartwick Synod of the Lutheran Church.

Summing up, your Committee has laid this important question before seventeen religious bodies, representing the Baptist, Congregational, Lutheran, Methodist, Protestant Episcopal, Reformed, Reformed Presbyterian, and Presbyterian denominations. It has also carried on extensive correspondence in which the general public interest in this subject is clearly indicated. Representatives, appointed at our request by the denominations throughout the state, have been called to meet in conference in New York City, November 17 and 18, when the whole question will be thoroughly discussed by representative men. About fifty delegates are expected, and the results will be presented to the Synod at a future time.

It only remains to express the thanks of the Committee to several ministers of the Synod who kindly presented the question to religious meetings in their vicinity, where it was impossible for members of the Committee to be present.

Your Committee prays that the blessing of God may rest upon this Synod, that His wisdom may direct all the efforts of the Committee, and that our public education and culture, as well as the whole of our civilization, may be loyal to Jesus Christ.

The Committee was continued, and a statement of expenses incurred by it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

There is a growing sentiment that the traffic in intoxicating liquors must be prohibited, or at least suppressed as far and as soon as possible. There is an increased demand for temperance literature, and, in the main, legislation has worked toward the crippling of the liquor traffic.

The decision of the Supreme Court, known as the "Original Package" decision, which in several states of the Union hindered efforts to prohibit or control the traffic, was soon rendered nugatory by an act of Congress, which gives to each state full power in the exercise of police regulations to prohibit sales of intoxicants.

That there is a growing desire for the total extermination of the traffic is seen in the fact, that while our General Assembly's Permanent Committee solicited opinions by report, as to the best methods of dealing with the question, not one of these reports refers to high license, with approval, as a remedy for the evils connected with the liquor business; but in every case in which it is referred to, it is with manifest disapproval, for the reasons that it is wrong in principle, compromises the state, and does not materially lessen the amount of liquor sold. No Assembly has given a deliverance favoring it, but successive Assemblies have declared that prohibition is the goal toward which all should aim, and no Synod or Presbytery has taken exception thereto.

It is recommended:

1. That pastors preach often on the evils of intemperance, and on the sins of liquor selling, liquor drinking and drunkenness.

2. That in the language of the last Assembly, "our ministers and people, as Christian citizens, use such rigorous, persevering efforts, as may seem wisest to them, towards the enactment of statutes which shall hopefully secure entire prohibition of a traffic largely responsible for the bulk of the drunkenness, crime, pauperism and social miseries which afflict our land."

3. That our ministers and sessions call the emphatic and conscientious attention of their people to the approaching opportunity for voting as to whether we want, or do not want, a Constitutional Prohibitory Amendment in this state, and advise them by all means to improve the opportunity.

4. That pastors and congregations bear in mind that this great foe of intemperance can be overcome only by the Gospel of the Son of God, who was "manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil."

5. It is recommended to the Sessions :

a. To circulate temperance literature, particularly that issued by the General Assembly's committee.

b To provide temperance instruction in the Sabbath schools, and encourage it in all our homes.

c. To secure annual offerings in aid of the work of the Assembly's Committee.

6. It is recommended to the Presbyteries :

a. That each hold, at least once a year, a popular temperance service in connection with one of its stated meetings.

b. That each have a Permanent Temperance Committee, the chairman of which shall put himself in communication with the Chairman of the General Assembly's committee.

The Committee to nominate members of the Permanent Committee on Temperance reported, recommending the following appointments :

Ministers—Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., Charles P. Coit, Willis J. Beecher, D. D.; *Elders*—Frank M. Ellery, George S. White.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report, on the complaint of Rev. Henry Ward against the Presbytery of Buffalo, for refusing the request of Mr. E. S. Ely to direct the removal of references to charges against him from the records of the Session of the Church in Fredonia :

Inasmuch as the minutes of the Session of the Church of Pomfret, in Fredonia, and other important papers relating to the matter, have not been placed in the hands of your committee, it has found it impossible to arrive at a full and intelligent judgment in the case. Therefore your Committee recommends that the Synod dismiss the complaint, with instructions that the Presbytery enforce their mandate, recorded on pages 589 and 590 of their minutes, as appertaining to this case, if it shall appear that the same has not already been complied with ; and that in the event of no judicial process in the case, any objectionable clause or clauses in the minutes of the Session of the Church of Pomfret, reflecting on the character of Mr. E. S. Ely, be expunged.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day presented the following report, which was accepted :

1. The earnest and united testimony of ministers and members of the Churches connected with the Synod against the desecration of the Lord's day, has not been without gratifying results. Agencies and influences have been developed, in localities, that have kept in check not only, but arrested the lawless and defiant violators of the day.

Among these, as worthy of special commendation, were the courageous and successful efforts of residents of the town of Irondequoit, near Rochester, resulting in the breaking up of Sunday ball playing by clubs connected with the State Association. Similar efforts in Syracuse accomplished the like good results.

2. In response to the Christian sentiment of the city, the *Rochester Democrat*, one of the oldest and most influential of its daily newspapers, voluntarily discontinued its Sunday edition at a large pecuniary sacrifice. The local influence of this action, and the effect upon the press of this state and others, will be of great help to the cause at large.

3. The honest and determined efforts of Mayor Carroll, of Rochester, to enforce the Sunday laws in the face of great obstacles, resulting in the marked decrease of open saloons on the Lord's day, has received, and is worthy of, general notice and honor. The Ministers' Union of that city, and the Presbytery of Rochester expressed by committees to Mayor Carroll their hearty endorsement and appreciation of his action.

4. While some of the railway and steamboat companies in this state have continued to furnish inducements and temptations to draw Sabbath breakers to places where the Lord's day is notoriously desecrated, other similar corporations have decreased or wholly stopped their Sunday excursions.

5. The attention of your Committee has been called to the desecration of the Lord's day in connection with the arrival of trans-Atlantic steamers on that day, on account of which the greater part of the day is spent in obtaining and transferring baggage, involving a large amount of labor. It is stated that the companies are in favor of a change of sailing days, by which the present arrivals on both sides of the ocean on the Lord's day would be prevented. In view of the large number of Christian travelers interested in such a change, it is suggested that this matter be referred to the committee to be appointed for the coming year.

6. In view of the forces organized against the civil and religious observance of the Lord's day, the Synod earnestly calls upon the ministers, elders and members of the Churches to be vigilant and courageous in their immediate localities, and throughout the state, in efforts for the promotion of the observance of this holy day.

7. The work of the American Sabbath Union is worthy of the hearty endorsement of the Synod. The secretaries of that organization offer to assist in local movements, either in person or by furnishing matter for the organization of societies.

8. Your Committee recommends that the communication on Sunday School Missionary Work, referred by the Synod last year to this Committee, be placed in the hands of the Sunday School Committee of this body.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Brooklyn reported, recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions:

1. On page 541, there is a record of an ordination of a minister by a Committee instead of by the Presbytery.

2. On page 571, the call of a special meeting is recorded; and while it is signed by the Stated Clerk, it does not appear that the concurrence of two ministers and two elders had been obtained, or that the call had been issued ten days before the meeting, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 10.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Champlain reported, recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions:

1. On pages 165, 166 and 168, abbreviations are employed where full names are necessary to historical accuracy, as "A. Forks" for "Ausable Forks," and "B. Brook" for "Black Brook." Names of elders are given without initials or full names, and names of ministers are similarly abbreviated.

2. On page 172, in the case of a call to Rev. Chandler N. Thomas, the names of the Commissioners from the Church are not given.

3. On page 189, the Committee on Home Missions is authorized to endorse applications to the Board without a statement of the amounts asked for.

4. On page 191, the acceptance of the collegiate and seminary diplomas of a licentiate in lieu of an examination in the original languages.

5. On page 193, a candidate is said to have been ordained, but no mention is made of any call being presented to him, nor does the record state whether he was ordained as an Evangelist, *sine titulo*, or otherwise.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of New York reported, recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions:

1. There is no record of the approval of the minutes of November 4 and 11, 1889; of January 13 and February 3 and 4, 1890.

2. On page 268, a pastor asked leave to resign his charge, and his request was granted; but the records do not show that the Church was cited to appear, or that Commissioners were present in behalf of the Church to answer.

3. Only the initial letters of the Christian names of the ministers are recorded in the lists of those present.

4. There is no record of absentees, or of Churches not represented, or of the fact that they were subsequently called to account.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of North River reported, recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exception:

On page 260 there is no record made of the call of the Moderator in convening the *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery at Poughkeepsie, January 6, 1890, beyond the statement that the call was in order. The call should have been copied into the minutes.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Otsego reported, recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions:

1. That in several instances there is no record that the minutes were approved before they were engrossed.

2. That in many instances the Christian names of members of the Presbytery are not given.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Steuben reported, recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions:

1. That on page 254, a printed newspaper slip is pasted in the book as a part of the records.

2. That on page 261, the names of the Committees on the Records of Sessions are not given.

The reports were severally adopted.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following were appointed

THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry March, Mrs. B. Frank Potter, Mrs. James W. Mairs, Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Miss Mary G. Rice, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Miss Janet N. Templeton, Mrs. William N. Strong, Mrs. Edward H. Rudd.

Binghamton—Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols, Miss Ida Storrs, Miss Editha Stevens, Mrs. Charles Gale, Mrs. J. S. Leverett.

Boston—Miss Elizabeth M. Kimball, Mrs. Andrew Burrows, Miss Jennie F. McKissick, Mrs. James A. F. McBain.

Brooklyn—Mrs. Darwin R. James, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. David M. Miller, Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. Hiram B. Jackson, Mrs. Delos E. Finks, Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, Mrs. Lewis R. Foote, Mrs. James Cruickshank, Mrs. George H. Pilsbury, Miss Ella McKee.

Buffalo—Mrs. Henry Childs, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. Herman Mynter, Mrs. William F. Wheeler, Mrs. F. R. Eaton, Mrs. James N. Adam, Mrs. J. C. Bryant.

Cayuga—Mrs. Levi T. Hamilton, Mrs. William H. Hubbard, Mrs. H. G. Wise, Mrs. Edward P. Sprague, Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington.

Champlain—Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Mrs. Chandler N. Thomas, Miss W. S. Childs, Miss Nellie Hopkins.

Chemung—Mrs. Alexander O. Peloubet, Miss Harriet Ely, Mrs. Charles C. Carr, Mrs. H. W. Strang.

Columbia—Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Mrs. Benjamin Way, Mrs. Daniel L. Penfield, Mr. H. H. Kellogg, Miss L. F. Ingraham, Miss Alice Day.

Genesee—Mrs. Cassius H. Dibble, Mrs. Gardner Fuller, Mrs. A. M. Wickes, Miss Fannie J. Buxton, Mrs. John C. Long, Mrs. Butler Ward.

Geneva—Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Miss Helen A. Hawley, Mrs. B. F. Pritchard, Mrs. E. H. Dickinson, Mrs. N. Grimes.

Hudson—Mrs. Charles Beattie, Mrs. Alfred Neafie, Mrs. Seth B. Cole, Mrs. Henry H. Farnum, Mrs. F. M. Cummings.

Long Island—Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. P. R. Reilley, Miss Amelia Smith, Mrs. William H. Litteli, Miss Sara J. Adams.

Lyons—Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. A. Parke Burgess, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary, Miss B. B. Ryerson, Miss Mary A. Aldrich, Mrs. R. F. Stoddard.

Nassau—Mrs. J. R. Mowbray, Mrs. Peter D. Oakey, Mrs. Samuel T. Carter, Miss Florence N. McCormick, Mrs. Alexander G. Russell.

New York—Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. William F. Lee, Mrs. George D. Phelps, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. William H. Wickham, Miss Mary T. Magill, Mrs. A. B. Browning, Mrs. James S. Ramsay, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. Newton Ammerman, Miss Mary C. Rogers.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clarke, Mrs. Robert Norton, Mrs. George S. Hutchinson, Mrs. H. C. Cornell, Mrs. Joshua S. Helmer, Mrs. Claudius L. Hoag.

North River—Mrs. Hector Craig, Mrs. Charles J. Howell, Miss Anna S. Ludlum, Miss Emma G. Wheeler, Mrs. LeRoy Cooley.

Otsego—Mrs. Pliny F. Sanborne, Miss Catharine Roseboom, Mrs. James H. Robinson, Miss Mary L. Abell.

Rochester—Mrs. William Alling, Mrs. Sarah J. Nichols, Mrs. Josiah E. Kittredge, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale, Mrs. Carrie E. West, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. Edward Bristol, Mrs. Helen S. Sylvester.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Miss Elizabeth A. Clarke, Mrs. H. C. Deane, Mrs. Lewis R. Webber, Miss P. F. Hubbard.

Steuben—Mrs. Francis A. Williams, Miss Mary Lockhart, Mrs. J. O. Gillette, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. George W. Nichols, Mrs. Benton McConnell.

Syracuse—Mrs. Allen Butler, Mrs. N. E. Dow, Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mrs. J. E. Myers, Mrs. W. M. Smith, Mrs. Chauncey Bronson, Mrs. L. E. Phillips, Mrs. James Frazer.

Troy—Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy, Miss Elizabeth A. S. Eddy, Mrs. Robert H. McClellan, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Herman Goodman.

Utica—Mrs. John C. Gallup, Miss Sarah Gilbert, Mrs. George Curran, Mrs. Albert H. Chester, Miss Helen C. Blue, Miss A. Loomis, Miss Helen E. Wells, Mrs. T. B. Morse.

Westchester—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Jr., Mrs. Stanton Cady, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Mrs. Sanford R. Knapp, Mrs. M. J. Randall, Miss C. B. Wheeler.

The Committee on the place of the next meeting reported that cordial invitations had been received from the First Church of Watertown, the First Church of Ogdensburg and the Fourth Church of Albany, and recommended that the invitation from the Church of Watertown be accepted.

The recommendation was adopted, and it was ordered that the next annual meeting of the Synod be held in the First Church of Watertown.

The Sessions of the First and Stone Street Churches, in that city, were appointed the Committee of Arrangements, with the Rev. Allen Macy Dulles as Chairman.

The Treasurer's report was presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee recommends that a slight change be suggested in the form of blanks provided for the Presbytery reports to the General Assembly (page 293, Assembly Minutes of 1890), so as to discriminate between Home missions and local missions, in the record of the contributions of the Churches; and that the necessary corresponding change be made in the statistical tables of the minutes.

The Rev. J. Loughran Scott, D. D., addressed the Synod in reference to the work of the Church in the New England States.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following additional papers and recommendations:

No. 6. From the Presbytery of Lyons, presenting a detailed plan for Synodical sustentation and ministerial adjustment. This plan embodies, verbatim, several features of the plan for ministerial adjustment presented to the last Assembly, and provides for the supervision of that plan. That plan, however, was not adopted by the Assembly, but was referred back to the Presbyteries. Therefore your Committee judges that the action proposed would be premature, and should be postponed at least for a year; and that meanwhile it be referred to the Special Committee on Synodical Aid.

No. 7. A letter from Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., editor of *The Church at Home and Abroad*, setting forth these facts in relation to that magazine:

1. By order of the General Assembly it is published at $1 a year, which is less than cost, and, in view of its large size, much lower than the price of the *Missionary Herald* or the *Missionary Review*.

2. The present number of subscribers is 17,650.

It is recommended that the Synod lay stress upon the fact that *The Church at Home and Abroad* is the only publication that represents *all* the Boards of the Church, and that it is of vital moment that the work of these several Boards should be brought before as wide a constituency as possible.

Further, that the Synod urge the Presbyteries to call the special attention of Church Sessions to the great need and value of such a periodical, so that a canvasser shall be appointed in every Church.

No. 8. From the American Sabbath Union, requesting action on the part of the Synod on the question of opening the World's Columbian Exposition on the Lord's day.

The following action is recommended:

Resolved, That the Synod of New York, representing 1,150 ministers of the Gospel, and 162,000 Church communicants, earnestly appeals to the Directors of the World's Fair, to be held at Chicago, to respect the convictions and historic practice of our Christian republic, and the law of God, and close the exposition on the Lord's day; and that this resolution, signed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk, be forwarded to the managers of the exposition.

Nos. 9 and 10. An overture from the Presbytery of Cayuga, asking for a modification of the Synodical Aid Plan; and the resolution on the same general subject, referred to this Committee.

It is recommended that the Rev. Messrs. Charles H. Baldwin, D. D., George Alexander, D. D., and Charles C. Hemenway, and Elders Alfred B. Smith and Joseph H. Plumb be appointed a Committee to consider the whole subject of the administration of our Synodical Aid Plan, and report to the Synod next year.

The several recommendations were adopted.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the late Rev. Charles C. Wallace, D. D., presented the following report, which was adopted:

Dr. Wallace entered the ministry and spent a large part of his earnest and useful ministerial life within the bounds of the present Synod of New York, at first in the neighborhood of New York City, and afterwards in Watertown, Mahopac Falls and Newburyport, Mass., some intervening period having been passed in California. His almost constant association with the work of our Church in New York and New England gave him a wide acquaintance, and endeared him to all who knew him. In every field which he occupied, he approved himself as a consecrated servant of Jesus

Christ; and during his residence in New England he expended his large and enlightened energy in shaping and developing the work of our Church in that portion of its territory. In 1887 he was worthily honored by an election to the office of Moderator of the Synod.

Dr. Wallace was a man of gentle and genial spirit, warm in his affections and of a deep-toned piety that, without obtrusiveness, diffused around him a blessed influence, and made his presence a benediction.

The Synod records its affection for his memory, its appreciation of his excellent work as a Minister of Christ, and its profound sorrow at the loss which it has sustained by his death; and while it commends his devotion as an example to his brethren, it sends the message of its deepest and tenderest sympathy to his bereaved family.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The Committee has examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod, and compared them with the accompanying vouchers, and it finds the same correct.

All the Presbyteries have paid their apportionments for the last year, except Rochester, which has paid only in part.

The amount in the Treasury, applicable to the expenses of the current year, is $996.91.

It is recommended that the rate of apportionment for the present year be three-fourths of one cent for each communicant.

In view of the fact that there is a lack of funds in the Treasurer's hands to pay, in full, the amounts asked for by the Committees of Synod whose applications were referred to this Committee, it is further recommended, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Committee on Religion and Public Education fifty dollars, the Committee on Synodical Aid fifty dollars, and the Committee on Systematic Beneficence twenty-five dollars of the amount embraced in the third recommendation of its report.

The following were designated as the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's day:

Ministers—Edward Huntting Rudd, William R. Taylor, David G. Wylie, Ph. D.; *Elders*—Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Edward Wells.

A recess was taken until half past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 23, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in accordance with the arrangement.

After the service, Elder Warner Van Norden, the Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., and Miss Florence Stevenson addressed the Synod on Woman's Work in the Church.

The Synod adjourned until Friday at half-past eight o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 24, 8.30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Rev. Arthur E. Brigden, of the Presbytery of Genesee, appeared and was enrolled.

The minutes of Thursday's sessions were read and approved.

The Pastoral Letter was read, adopted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes, and the ministers of the Churches were instructed to read it to their people at as early a day as practicable.

The Rev. Messrs. Alexander W. Sproull and Alfred J. Hutton, and Elder Frederick M. Hoyt were appointed the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for next year.

The Trustees of the Synod announced that they had no report to make.

The Committee on Army Chaplains presented the following report, which was accepted and its recommendation was adopted:

The Committee has received valuable correspondence and papers relating to an increase in the number of Chaplains in the army and other important matters connected therewith, showing most clearly that the interests involved are of too great magnitude to permit any indifference on the part of the Synod. No results have been reached, but the conviction has been deepened that the efforts in progress towards the desired ends should be prosecuted with renewed earnestness.

It is therefore recommended that the Committee be continued, and that the Rev. William S. Hubbell, D. D., be added to it and be requested to act as its Chairman for the ensuing year.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee the following persons were duly elected Trustees of the Synod for the term of three years: The Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., the Rev. Samuel M. Hamilton, D. D., and Messrs. William A. Wheelock and Henry Day.

The Committee appointed to prepare rules for the guidance of Committees in examining the records of Presbyteries, presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The Form of Government, Chapter XI, Sec. 4, makes it the duty of the Synod "to review the records of Presbyteries, and approve or censure them; to redress whatever has been done by Presbyteries contrary to order; and to take effectual care that Presbyteries observe the Constitution of the Church."

The Book of Discipline, Sec. 72, prescribes that "in such review, the judicatory shall examine, first, whether the proceedings have been correctly recorded; second, whether they have been constitutional and regular; and third, whether they have been wise, equitable and for the edification of the Church."

While the Synod does not claim the right to impose conditions that are not prescribed by the Constitution, there are certain things so necessary to the accuracy and utility of an ecclesiastical record, that, under the first head, it earnestly recommends the Presbyteries to take care,

1. That the pages of their record books be numbered.

2. That every new subject shall begin with an independent paragraph, so as to avoid crowding and confusion, and to facilitate reference.

3. That in the case of written minutes, marginal descriptions be placed over against all the important items of business.

4. That no printed matter be pasted in the book, as a part of the record.

5. That every entry be completely written out, avoiding elisions or abbreviated words.

The Synod also enjoins:

6. That Christian names be given, and never initials only.

7. That the names of absentees be recorded at all stated meetings.

8. That the rule of the Constitution in regard to prayer at the opening and closing of the sessions, be rigidly observed.

9. That the records be read for correction and approval at the beginning of each day's session, and before the final adjournment.

10. That the Narrative of the State of Religion be recorded.

11. That the records of every stated and special meeting be attested by the signature of the Stated Clerk.

12. That the record books be presented to the Synod for examination annually, without fail.

It shall therefore be the duty of Examining Committees

1. To report to the Synod all failures to comply with these rules.

2. To consider carefully whether the proceedings of the Presbyteries have been constitutional in their substance, and technically regular in form.

3. To inquire whether these proceedings, however correct, have been wise, equitable and for the edification of the Church.

Examining Committees should remember that the authority of the Synod, in reviewing records, is the same as where irregularities are brought to its attention by complaint or appeal.

It is further recommended that such Committees give great diligence and care in the discharge of their solemn and important duties, and that the Synod bestow such attention on their reports as to avoid conflicting or inconsistent decisions in acting upon exceptions.

The Committee also calls attention to the fact that the members of a Presbytery are debarred from voting on the review of its records.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod commends the work of caring for the weak Churches within its bounds, especially to the Women's Societies, the Young People's Societies, the Sunday Schools, and persons of liberal means, and asks them to contribute generously in support of the Synodical Aid Fund.

The Committee on the Revision of the Standing Rules presented its report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee recommends:

1. The consolidation of Articles II and III, with the necessary verbal changes, and the substitution of "popular meetings" for "devotional services."

2. The amendment of Rule V, so that it shall read as follows:

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from these lists shall be made up the official roll.

At the calling of the roll at the opening session, the names of the principals who have thus been reported, or of alternates duly substituted, shall be included. But when alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report

in person privately to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, before their names shall be substituted upon the roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly, by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

3. The amendment of Rule X, by omitting the number of members assigned to each committee, stricking out Sec. 8, inserting in Sec. 9, after the word "nominate," the words "Trustees of the Synod, and," and striking out the last paragraph but one.

4. The amendment of Rule XVIII, so that it shall read, "A copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder whose name is on the roll of the Synod, and to the session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid."

5. The renumbering of the rules and sections in accordance with these changes.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the bills for the incidental expenses of the Synod.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that permission had been granted to the following members to retire before the close of the sessions:

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers—Alfonso R. Olney, Charles A. Conant.

Binghamton: Minister—J. Lovejoy Robertson; Elders—Burgess Squires, Franklin Edgerton.

Boston: Minister—John L. Scott.

Brooklyn: Ministers—Samuel P. Halsey, Charles Wood, James H. Montgomery; Elder—Robert Gillies.

Buffalo: Ministers—Charles A. Richmond, Philos G. Cook, Samuel T. Clarke; Elders—Francis A. Board, Stephen M. Clement, Joseph H. Plumb.

Cayuga: Minister—Almon R. Hewitt; Elders—William H. Van Sickle, John Young, John K. Garsden.

Champlain: Minister—Joseph Gamble.

Columbia: Minister—George C. Veisley.

Genesee: Minister—John C. Long; Elder—Albert E. Olin.

Geneva: Minister—William S. Carter; Elder—Myron Peckins.

Hudson: Minister—J. Napier Husted; Elder—Philip H. Woolsey.

Long Island: Minister—Epher Whitaker; Elders—Nathan T. Post, Marcus E. Griffen.

Nassau: Elders—Theron L. Smith, George A. Brush.

New York: Ministers—John Hall, Andrew H. Harshaw, Francis H. Marling, George S. Webster, Henry L. Grandlienard; Elders—Warner Van Norden, Sidney Whittemore, Robert Gentle.

Niagara: Minister—Edward Snyder.

North River: Ministers—William E. Smith, Frederick B. Savage.

Otsego: Ministers—Lawrence M. Stevens, James H. Robinson.

Rochester: Minister—Charles N. Frost; Elder—Charles F. Pond.

St. Lawrence: Minister—Lewis R. Webber.

Syracuse : Ministers—Isaac Swift, Theodore S. Day ; Elder—Arthur B. Clark.

Troy : Minister—Isaac G. Ogden ; Elders—John H. Smith, Horace B. Silliman.

Utica : Ministers—Frank W. Townsend, Edward J. Hamilton, C. Otis Thatcher, John D. Warren ; Elder—Charles B. Cowles.

Westchester : Ministers—William J. Cumming, James H. Hoyt ; Elder—Benjamin Weed.

The report was accepted.

The several Standing Committees reported that they had no further business to present, and were discharged.

The following minute was adopted unanimously:

We, as members of the Synod of New York, express our hearty appreciation of the kindly and Christian service rendered by the people of Lockport during the sessions of this body.

We do not fail to recognize the sympathy manifested, and the abundant care extended by the First Church, its pastor beloved, its committees, and its choir. Our meeting has been made blessed by fraternal intercourse ; and we shall hold in delightful remembrance the acquaintances formed, and not forget them in prayers for the divine presence among them in all their family and Christian relations. May they and we be inspired, by this coming together, to all Christian activity and enlarged consecration to our blessed Lord and his church!

We part with the sweet assurance that this tender fellowship on earth shall find, in the home above, a deeper and richer development. And we invoke, upon all, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The thanks of the Synod were given, also, to the newspaper press of Lockport for its careful reports of the proceedings, and to the railway companies for reduced rates of fare.

Response was made, in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, by its Chairman, the Rev. Anthony H. Evans.

The thanks of the Synod were presented to the Moderator for his faithfulness and efficiency, and to the Clerks for their diligence and care in the performance of their duties.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be absent without leave:

Presbytery of Boston : Minister—John R. Crosser.

Brooklyn : Elder—Robert Henderson.

Lyons : Elder—William H. Thacker.

Niagara : Elder—Alexander Carey.
Otsego : Elder—James H. Merchant.
Rochester : Elder—Franklin S. Stebbins.
St. Lawrence : Minister—Allen M. Dulles; Elders—John Rogers, David K. Storie.
Syracuse : Minister—Angus H. Cameron.
Utica : Elder—Rodolphus C. Briggs.
Westchester : Minister—Richard P. H. Vail.

The minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Church in the City of Watertown, on the third Tuesday, the 20th day of October, A. D. 1891, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. PASTORAL LETTER.

The Synod of New York to its Presbyteries and Churches sends greeting:

The character of Christ fixes and fetters the gaze of the world. The mission of the Church is to hold it aloft. No one can behold that character as it is set forth on the pages of the New Testament and not be attracted to it. The Church which most clearly exhibits that character, aids most the inevitable victory. Christ's life is the art of divine living, the very essence of religion. The work of the Church is not only to teach the doctrines of the Holy Bible, but to help men to transmute those doctrines into life. The power of Christ was not so much in what he taught, as in what he was. That Divine Life is mateless. Nothing before it, or since, is comparable with it. It stands alone on the horizon of time. To catch, therefore, the inspiration of that life, and to exhibit His teachings in our daily walk; to touch the hard and sad lot of the world with the spirit of His miracles and his mercies; to teach men to bear with patience the ills that come certainly to us all, and not be overborne by them; to conduct this daily life in Him with courage and confidence unto the end; to confront the hour of death with calmness and enter upon its sublime experience without fear or faltering, is to live as Christ lived. The Synod calls to its Presbyters and people again to-day: "*Ye shall bear witness.*" Ye shall bear witness of this life.

Our Church, grand in its simplicity as the gospels of Christ, needs no more organizations—neither associations, societies nor leagues—we have quite enough of them. Less organization and more religion, is the real necessity. The Church is the Church of Christ, and cannot be improved. We want the labor of our people in the Church, not in some annex of the Church. If the time and labor of Christians could be expended upon the work of converting sinners, the machinery might not be as splendid, but many more would be saved to enhance the glory of Christ's Kingdom. There is no mightier argument than the open arms of Christ. "Ho! every one that thirsteth."

There never was a time when the Church needed to be so alert. All things glitter. All things press to conclusions. You are called to the most intense concentration of energy. Those old tense words, sin, conviction, repentance, faith, life, death, heaven, hell, must find new speech, or "the host of the Lord" will not triumph in this generation. Press the work, brethren, press the work to the conclusion; make the common-place, every-day duties of religion glorious. Christ is the Saviour, but you are the workers. You are His angels, the reapers. Let your sickles flash. Souls will be lost unless they are reached by your hand. The work is splendid; do it splendidly!

Yet there is danger that this very intensity of work may mar or destroy the true character of worship. The great overmastering purpose of religion is worship. The sanctuary is for worship. It should be entered only with the most reverent and devout spirit. There should be no haste nor hurry in our approach to God; and at His altar we are to seek only that peace, and calm, and blessedness which His Spirit is designed to give. The pulpit is not a lyceum desk nor a showman's stage. The

pew is not the place to seek amusement or recreation, but the high things of God. When this is forgotten the glory of Christ's Church is departed. We call upon pastors and people to bring only their highest, and holiest, and best to the sanctuary of God, remembering that here the most serious and solemn issues confront the immortal soul.

There are yet greater things for us to attain. From every quarter of the globe, and from the heights of heaven, sounds forth the cry, "Go up higher." The past is splendid, but the future must shine with a far richer radiance, or the Church be untrue to her history. No past has ever shone with the glory of this present hour. Every last hour is fullest of the glory of Christ. This day in which we live is the best and most radiant one in the world's history. God's events never go backward, they hasten towards the consummation; and to be apace with God the Church must every year arise to greater and finer things. The past year, with all its encouragements, has not been as spiritually fruitful as the clearest souls had forecast. Our great Boards have been held back, because of the failure of the churches to come fully up to the magnificent opportunities. Who can cast the spears of light farthest into the dark areas of the world? Him do we want! Him the world wants! He shall lead! The great heroes are going to their white tents. There are too few offering to fill the ranks. The year's report of conversions is saddening. Nothing can compensate for this loss. The salvation of souls here upon the earth, that they may be made ready for heaven, is the chief end of the church. No material aggrandizement, no gifts of millions, no rearing of splendid temples, is at all comparable to the saving of souls. In view of the hereafter, this is the greatest work of the earth; it takes hold on eternities; it is ultimate; there can be nothing beyond it. To this work of saving souls the Synod calls you with the most intense earnestness.

To this end the Synod urges the churches to seek the conversion and careful nurture of the young. See to it that they are instructed in the home. See to it that they learn the catechism and are thoroughly grounded in the doctrines of our church, that they may know the reason of their faith. The catechism has fallen into an unfortunate and lamentable disuse. Other denominations are keen-eyed to the importance of this training. The Presbyterian Church is too intelligent to be narrow or bigoted; but there is a liberality that lies dangerously near to indifference towards things of vital importance. Our great Church, through its very consciousness of inward accord with the word of God, has been apt, through all its history, to lay too little stress on its own wonderful treasury of doctrine, upon its own aggrandizement, so that others, with inferior advantages and excellence, are making gains at our cost. It behooves the Synod to take the lead in consecrated activity and beneficence, and to present an inspiring example of loyalty to Presbyterianism, which in its essential form is loyalty to Christ. If history teaches anything, there is no better way than the way pursued by our church through all its brilliant career. This is the true life; only let it be more intense.

Our people must not suffer themselves to be disturbed by recent doctrinal discussions. These discussions at most can only result in a modified clearer statement, which shall but exalt and magnify the truth of God as set forth in the Calvinistic system of doctrine. This church expects to win its grand victory, not under a new standard, but under the one which has floated proudly over every hard-fought and well-won field in its grand march through the ages.

The Synod warns its ministers against the growing tendency on the one hand and the eager demand on the other, for mere ethical preaching; and reminds them

that their only hope is in preaching the strong, vibrant, Pauline doctrine of justification by faith alone in Christ crucified. Remember, the Divine Leader is the *living* Christ. He is "alive forever more." He never turns backward. Pressing towards those fair, inaccessible cliffs, beetling in the lights of heaven, He cries to His captains, to His struggling hosts: "Forward! Forward!" On that way there is no return.

Brethren, Elders, Deacons, Christians all, turn your gaze towards the east that your faces may be irradiated by the first flashes of the eternal morning. Be His, with every faculty alert for his glory. Then at last you shall stand, as all true souls shall stand, in the perpetual noontide of God.

"Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Thine, O "Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the "majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the "kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor "come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thy hand is power and might; and "in thy hand it is to make great and to give strength unto all.

"Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name." Amen.

ANDREW V. V. RAYMOND,
Moderator.

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

IRVING MAGEE,
L. MASON CLARKE,
MOSES C. BELKNAP,
Committee.

II. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY consists of sixty-four ministers and fifty-one churches, and has under its care three licentiates and nine candidates.

Ministers received:

December 10, 1889, Rev. William J. Thompson, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;
December 11, Rev. William E. Renshaw, from the Presbytery of Wood River;
January 20, 1890, Rev. Daniel W. Skellenger, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and Rev. John Kay Phillips, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;
April 15, Rev. Charles B. Chapin, from the Presbytery of New York;
June 10, Rev. John Willis, from the Free Will Baptist Church;
September 16, Rev. Henry Ludlow Teller, from the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

December 10, 1889, William W. Smith and John Calvin Knox;
December 11, William H. Freeman and Lucius C. Rice;
April 15, 1890, Frank Hyatt Smith, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Licentiates received:

April 15, 1890, Munroe Drew, from the Presbytery of Detroit;
September 16, John G. Lovell, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Licensed:

April 15, 1890, Frank Hyatt Smith;
June 10, Walter H. Waygood.

Ordained:

May 28, 1890, Munroe Drew.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 28, 1890, between Rev. Oliver Hemstreet and the West End Church, Albany;
March 13, between Rev. Daniel W. Cameron and the West Milton Church;
April 15, between Rev. Walter D. Nicholas and the First Church, Albany;
June 10, between Rev. Ezekiel D. Van Dyck and the Church of Carlisle.

Installations:

January 20, 1890, Rev. James Kay Phillips, over Bethany Church, Menands;
May 28, Rev. Munroe Drew, over the Church of New Scotland;
April 25, Rev. Charles B. Chapin, over the East Avenue Church, Schenectady;
October 2, Rev. John Willis, over the Church at West Milton.

Ministers dismissed:

December 10, 1889, Rev. James B. Rodgers, to the Presbytery of Rio de Janeiro;
January 20, 1890, Rev. Henry A. Lewis, to the Presbytery of Nassau;
February 28, Rev. Clement G. Martin, to the Presbytery of Long Island;
March 13, Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, to the Presbytery of Cayuga;
April 15, Rev. Oliver Hemstreet, to the Presbytery of Baltimore;
June 10, Rev. Ezekiel D. Van Dyck, to the Presbytery of Troy; and Rev. William E. Renshaw, to the Congregational Association, Monadnock, N. H.;
September 16, Rev. Dewitt G. Rockefeller, to the Presbytery of Troy, and Rev. German H. Chatterton, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Licentiate dismissed:

June 10, 1890, Frank Hyatt Smith, to the Philadelphia Central Presbytery.

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON consists of thirty ministers and twenty-eight churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

November 15, 1889, Rev. Peter R. Ross, from the Presbytery of Paris, Canada Presbyterian Church;
Dec. 10, Rev. William C. Macbeth, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
April 22, 1890, Rev. Wallace W. Thorpe, from the Presbytery of Emporia;
May 6, Rev. Henry J. Crane, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
September 16, Rev. Irving P. Emerick, from the Classis of Ulster, Reformed Church; and Rev. Smith Ordway, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Licentiate received:

May 6, 1890, John Hutchison, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Ordination:

May 6, 1890, John Hutchison.

Installations:

November 15, 1889, Rev. Peter R. Ross, over the Church at Waverly;
December 10, Rev. William C. Macbeth, over the Second Church of Coventry;
October 9, 1890, Rev. Irving P. Emerick, over the Church of Conklin.

Ministers dismissed:

November 15, 1889, Rev. Isaac G. Ogden, to the Presbytery of Troy;
April 22, 1890, Rev. Stephen G. Hopkins, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

Church dissolved:

April 22, 1890, Truxton.

III. The Presbytery of Boston consists of fifty-one ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

December 3, 1889, Rev. George C. Mueller, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati;
April 15, 1890, Rev. Thomas Atkinson, from the Presbytery of New York;
June 10, Rev. James T. Black, from the Presbytery of Zanesville;
October 8, Rev. Robert James Adamson, from the Presbytery of Northumberland, England.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

December 3, 1889, between Rev. Robert Gordon Mackay and the Church of Newport;
April 17, 1890, between Rev. Luther M. Keneston and the church at New Boston;
October 8, between Rev. George N. Karner and the Westminster Church, Manchester.

Installations:

December 4, 1889, Rev. Brevard D. Sinclair, over the First Church of Newburyport;
December 11, Rev. George C. Mueller, over the German Church at Lawrence;
March 27, 1890, Rev. T. James McFaddin, over the Second Church of Newburyport;
May 1, Rev. Thomas Atkinson, over the church at Worcester;
June 25, Rev. James T. Black, over the church at East Boston.

Ministers dismissed:

April 17, 1890, Rev. George L. Todd to the New Hampshire Congregational Association;
October 8, Rev. George N. Karner to the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. Frederick Campbell to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Death:

December 22, 1889, at Plainfield, N. J., the Rev. Charles Clark Wallace, D. D., aged 57 years, 6 months and 19 days.

IV. The Presbytery of Brooklyn consists of fifty-seven ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care four licentiates and eleven candidates.

Ministers received:

December 2, 1889, Rev. Frederick W. Cutler, from the Presbytery of Nassau;
December 10, Rev. Louis Wolferz, from the Presbytery of New York;
April 21, 1890, Rev. Alexander B. Riggs, D. D., from the Presbytery of Troy;
June 2, Rev. Joseph H. Montgomery, D. D., from the Presbytery of Dayton;
October 6, Rev. Wilbur F. Wood, from the Presbytery of Clarion;
October 14, Rev. Charles A. Lador, from the Presbytery of New York.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 21, 1890, Thomas J. Shanks, William Addison Beatson, Charles J. Abbott and Gilbert B. Thurston;

October 6, Henry W. Drew and Werner Bernhart.

Licenses conferred:

February 3, 1890, John B. Hutchison;

April 21, L. William Hones, Charles Vuillenmier, Thomas J. Shanks and William Addison Beatson.

Ordination:

October 23, 1889, Jacob E. Mallman.

Dissolutions of Pastoral Relations:

April 21, 1890, between Rev. William J. Bridges and Greene Avenue Church;

September 24, between Rev. Archibald McCullagh, D. D., and Ross St. Church;

October 6, between Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D., and Lafayette Avenue Church:

October 9, between Rev. Arcturus Z. Conrad and Ainslie Street Church.

Installations:

December 10, 1889, Rev. Louis Wolferz over Friedens Kirche;

June 18, 1890, Rev. Joseph H. Montgomery, D. D., over Trinity Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 21, 1890, Rev. Lyman D. Calkins and Rev. Jacob E. Mallmann to the Presbytery of Nassau;

October 6, Rev. Charles E. Lord to the Essex Congregational Association, and Rev. William J. Bridges to the Presbytery of West Jersey;

October 9, Rev. Arcturus Z. Conrad to the Worcester Central Congregational Association, Massachusetts.

Licentiates transferred:

April 21, 1890, John B. Hutchison to the Presbytery of Binghamton;

October 6, William Addison Beatson to the Presbytery of New Castle.

Deceased:

October 22, 1890, in Brooklyn, Rev. James M. Sherwood, D. D., in the 77th year of his age.

Churches received and organized:

October 18, 1889, the Woodhaven Church, received by transfer from the Presbytery of Nassau;

May 4, 1890, the Arlington Avenue Church;

October 6, the French Evangelical Church of Woodhaven.

V. The Presbytery of Buffalo consists of fifty-six ministers, and forty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received:

April 15, 1890, Rev. Edwin Hall, from the Presbytery of Geneva, and Rev. David R. Eddy, from the Presbytery of Rochester;

April 16, Rev. Jeremiah Odell, from the Presbytery of Niagara;

June 10, Rev. Charles W. Remington, from the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. Albert W. Allen, from the Presbytery of Utica;

October 7, Rev. George L. McClelland, from the Presbytery of Troy.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

October 8, 1890, Mr. Frank C. Goulding.

Licentiate received:

April 15, 1890, Mr. Courtenay H. Fenn, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination:

June 10, 1890, Mr. Courtenay H. Fenn.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

November 4, 1889, between Rev. William C. Macbeth, and the church in Ripley;

February 24, 1890, between Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., and the Lafayette Street Church, Buffalo.

Installations:

October 21, 1889, Rev. Newton L. Reed, over the church in Olean;

June 10, 1890, Rev. Courtenay H. Fenn, over the church in Tonawanda;

June 17, Rev. Albert W. Allen, over the Church of the Covenant, Buffalo.

Ministers dismissed:

December 10, 1888, Rev. William S. Jerome, to the Presbytery of Detroit;

October 8, 1889, Rev. Francis R. Wade, to the Presbytery of Cayuga;

November 4, Rev. William C. Macbeth, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;

November 26, Rev. Albert Bigelow, to the Congregational Association of Western New York;

February 24, 1890, Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Name dropped from the roll:

October 7, 1890, Rev. William Martin was permitted to demit the ministry; and his name was erased from the roll.

Deaths:

November 27, 1889, Rev. Isaac P. Smith, at Tonawanda, N. Y., in the 32d year of his age;

August 9, 1890, Rev. Frederick Long, at Castile, N. Y., in the 82d year of his age.

Change in the name of a church:

April 16, 1890, "Colden" to "Glenwood."

VI. The Presbytery of Cayuga consists of twenty-nine ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care six licentiates and eleven candidates.

Ministers received:

November 19, 1889, Rev. Francis R. Wade, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
April 14, 1890, Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Albany;
May 8, Rev. Frederick L. Hiller, from the Presbytery of Otsego;

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

November 19, 1889, George McKay, Stephen C. Abrahamian;
February 5, 1890, Alexander K. McNaughton; and S. Seymour Phelps, received from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 15, Hugh Jack;
September 17, Walter Hood.

Licentiate received:

June 5, 1890, Friend D. Haner, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Ordination:

June 18, 1890, Friend D. Haner.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

December 24, 1889, between Rev. Albert S. Hughey and the Westminster Church, Auburn; and between Rev. James K. Philips and the Church of Springport.

Installations:

December 3, 1889, Rev. Francis R. Wade, over the Church of Fair Haven;
June 5, 1890, Rev. Frederick L. Hiller, over the Church of Dryden;
June 18, Rev. Friend D. Haner, over the Church of Scipioville; and June 19, over the Church of Scipio.

Ministers dismissed:

December 24, 1889, Rev. James K. Philips, to the Presbytery of Albany;
April 14, 1890, Rev. David S. Brown, to the Presbytery of Iowa City;
April 15, Rev. Henry P. Hamilton, to the Presbytery of Lyons;
September 16, Rev. Charles O. Hanmer, to the Presbytery of Chemung.

Licentiates and candidates transferred:

April 14, 1890, Courtenay H. Fenn, to the care of the Presbytery of Buffalo; Alexander H. Fraser, to the care of the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 15, George A. Blair, to the care of the Presbytery of Waterloo; John W. Stitt, to the care of the Presbytery of Genesee; George W. Warren and William G.

White, to the care of the Presbytery of Steuben; Alexander K. McNaughton, to the care of the Presbytery of Geneva;

April 16, Thomas E. Sherman, to the care of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Death:

June 29, 1890, Rev. Ransom B. Welch, D. D., LL.D., at Healing Springs, Va., in the 67th year of his age.

April 15, 1890, Rev. Frank H. Hinman was elected Treasurer, to succeed Rev. Albert S. Hughey, resigned.

VII. The Presbytery of Champlain consists of twenty ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 16, 1890, Rev. Joshua J. Wolf, from the Presbytery of Huntington;
September 16, Rev. John F. Humphrey, from the Welsh Congregational Association of the State of New York.

Candidate received:

June 23, 1890, John M. Thomas.

Licentiates received:

June 17, 1890, Calvin J. Hastings, from the Presbytery of Montreal;
September 16, Samuel D. Angel, from the Presbytery of Montreal.

Ordinations:

June 17, 1890, Calvin J. Hastings;
September 16, Samuel D. Angel.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

March 13, 1890, between Rev. John L. Gourlay and the Church in Mooers;
April 17, between Rev. Chandler N. Thomas and the Church in Port Henry.

Installation:

June 17, 1890, Rev. Calvin J. Hastings, over the churches of Westville and Constable.

Dismissions:

April 4, 1890, Rev. Augustus Frederick to the Presbytery of Steuben;
September 17, Rev. John L. Gourlay to the Presbytery of Ottawa, Canada.

Church organized:

July 25, 1890, First Church of Saranac Lake.

VIII. The Presbytery of Chemung consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-two churches.

Ministers received:

October 22, 1889, Rev. Allen F. DeCamp from the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. Nathan Bosworth, from the Presbytery of Northumberland;
April 15, 1890, Rev. Charles Van Norden, from the Hampden (Mass.) East Association;
April 16, Rev. Joseph E. Tinker, from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Licentiate received:

October 22, 1889, Friend D. Haner from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination:

July 13, 1890, George A. White.

Installation:

October 22, 1889, Rev. Allen F. DeCamp, over the Lake Street Church, Elmira.

Minister dismissed:

July 13, 1890, Rev. George A. White, to the Presbytery of Central Dakota.

Licentiate transferred:

June 2, 1890, Friend D. Haner to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

IX. The Presbytery of Chile consists of eleven ministers and six churches, and has under its care two licentiates and four candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1890.]

X. The Presbytery of Columbia consists of fourteen ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Licentiate received:

April 23, 1890, Arthur W. Remington, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Ordination:

April 23, 1890, Arthur W. Remington, as an Evangelist.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

June 26, 1890, between Rev. Titus E. Davis and the Church of Valatie.

Ministers dismissed:

April 22, 1890, Rev. John Minor, to the Classis of Montgomery;
June 26, Rev. Titus E. Davis to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

XI. The Presbytery of Genesee consists of twenty-one ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Minister received:

April 15, 1890, Rev. Farley Porter, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Licentiate received:

June 24, 1890, John Wesley Stitt, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 15, 1890, Fred. E. Andrews.

Licensed:

April 15, 1890, Ebenezer B. McGhee and Frank S. Swan, M. D.

Ordained:

October 29, 1889, Allan McQueen;
June 24, 1890, Messers. John W. Stitt, Seth Cook and Frank S. Swan, M. D.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

September 23, 1890, between Rev. Lindley C. Rutter and the Church of North Bergen.

Installations:

October 29, 1889, Rev. Allan McQueen, over the Portageville Church;
June 24, 1890, Rev. John W. Stitt, over the Byron Church.

Candidate transferred:

April 14, 1890, William O. H. Smith, to the Presbytery of Westminster.

Licentiate transferred:

June 24, 1890, Ebenezer B. McGhee, to the Presbytery of Geneva.

Minister dismissed:

September 22, 1890, Rev. Frank S. Swan, to the Presbytery of Niagara.

Deceased:

June 12, 1890, at Thompsonville, Conn., Rev. R. Hart Dexter, in the 72d year of his age.

XII. The Presbytery of Geneva consists of thirty-three ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received:

December 3, 1889, Rev. John S. Niles, from the Presbytery of Steuben, and Rev. Henry A. Porter, from the Presbytery of Nassau;
April 15, 1890, Rev. Ninian B. Remick, D. D., from the Presbytery of Troy;
May 13, Rev. Nathan B. Knapp from the Presbytery of Otsego;

September 23, Rev. Albro L. Greene from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
September 24, Rev. William W. Weller from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Candidate received:

April 16, 1890, Alexander K. McNaughton, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Licensed:

April 16, 1890, Fenwick B. Fraser.

Licentiate received:

July 2, 1890, Ebenezer B. McGhee, from the Presbytery of Genesee.

Ordinations:

April 16, 1890, Fenwick B. Fraser, as an Evangelist;
May 13, H. Bradley Sayre;
July 2, Ebenezer B. McGhee.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

September 24, 1890, between Rev. Henry H. Lipes and the Church of Dresden, to take effect Oct. 5.

Installations:

December 3, 1889, Rev. Henry A. Porter, over the Church of Ovid;
May 13, 1890, Rev. H. Bradley Sayre, over the Church of Branchport;
May 14, Rev. Ninian B. Remick, D. D., over the North Church, Geneva;
July 2, Rev. Ebenezer B. McGhee over the Church of Bellona.

Ministers dismissed:

December 3, 1889, Rev. Farley Porter, to the Presbytery of Genesee;
April 15, Rev. Edwin Hall, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Death:

February 19, 1890, at Geneva, N. Y., Rev. James R. Boyd, D. D., in the 87th year of his age.

XIII. The Presbytery of Hudson consists of forty-five ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

March 25, 1890, Rev. Paul Martin from the Presbytery of Omaha;
April 22, Rev. Alexander S. Vaughan, from the Presbytery of West Jersey; Rev. Herman A. Goff, from the Presbytery of Holston; and Rev. Thomas Nichols, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

July 30, 1890, Albert E. Wirth, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central, and George Bergen, from the Presbytery of Topeka.

Licentiates received:

April 22, 1890, Rufus B. Marks, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;
June 17, William H. Hudnut, from the Presbytery of New York; James S. E. Erskine, from the Presbytery of Carlisle; and Charles Vuillenmier, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Licensed:

July 30, 1890, Albert E. Wirth and George Bergen.

Ordinations:

November 20, 1889, Otto R. W. Klose;
May 13, 1890, Rufus B. Marks;
June 17, William H. Hudnut, James S. E. Erskine and Charles Vuillenmier;
July 30, Albert E. Wirth;
September 16, George Bergen as an Evangelist.

Dissolutions of Pastoral relations:

November 26, 1889, between Rev. Abraham S. Gardiner and the Church of Milford;
December 15, between Rev. Yates Hickey and the Church of White Lake;
March 25, 1890, between Rev. Gustave Schumacher and the Nyack German Church;
July 14, between Rev. John S. Gilmor and the Church of Stony Point.

Installations:

October 8, 1889, Rev. Walter Fry, over the Church of Livingston Manor;
October 16, Rev. Yates Hickey, over the Church of White Lake;
November 12, Rev. Henry Hausman, over the Jeffersonville German Church;
November 20, Rev. Otto R. W. Klose, over the Cochecton Church;
May 12, 1890, Rev. Thomas Nichols, over the Milford Church;
May 28, Rev. Rufus B. Marks, over the Ramapo Church;
June 17, Rev. James S. E. Erskine, over the Hopewell Church;
July 29, Rev. William H. Hudnut, over the Port Jervis Church;
August 14, Rev. Charles Vuillenmier, over the Clarkstown German Church, and Rev. Albert E. Wirth, over the Nyack German Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 26, 1889, Rev. Abraham S. Gardiner to the Presbytery of Aberdeen;
December 15, Rev. Yates Hickey to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North;
March 25, 1890, Rev. Gustave Schumacher, to the Presbytery of Jersey City;
June 17, Rev. Solomon C. McElroy, to the Presbytery of Utica;
July 30, Rev. Henry W. H. Watkins, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
September 9, Rev. Nathan M. Sherwood to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Name dropped from the roll:

April 22, 1890, Rev. Adolph Schabehorn.

XIV. The Presbytery of Long Island consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received:

December 17, 1889, Rev. Robert C. Hallock, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Monmouth;
April 1, 1890, Rev. Clement G. Martin, from the Presbytery of Albany;
April 2, Rev. Benjamin F Parliman, from the Presbytery of North River.

Candidate licensed:

April 22, 1890, Nelson B. Chester.

Licentiate ordained:

September 23, 1890, Adney Winslow Hallock.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

February 5, 1890, between the Rev. Henry Schlosser and the Church of Westhampton.

Installations:

September 17, 1889, Rev. John M. Shippen, over the Church of Shinnecock;
December 17, Rev. Robert C. Hallock, Ph.D., over the Church of Southampton;
April 8, 1890, Rev. Clement G. Martin, over the Church of Greenport.

XV. The Presbytery of Lyons consists of twenty-two ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received:

April 25, 1890, Rev. Henry P. Hamilton, from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and Rev. Reuel A. Ward, from the Wesleyan Methodist Conference of Kansas;
September 9, Rev. T. Morey Hodgman from the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. Stephen G. Hopkins, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Ministers dismissed:

April 9, 1890, Rev. Rollo Branch, to the Presbytery of Winnebago;
September 10, Rev. Herbert D. Cone, to the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

XVI. The Presbytery of Nassau consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-four churches.

Ministers received:

December 26, 1889, Rev. John A. Davis, from the Classis of Newark;
January 24, 1890, Rev. J. Howard Hobbs, from the Presbytery of Westchester;
February 11, Rev. Henry A. Lewis, from the Presbytery of Albany;
May 8, Rev. Philip A. Schwarz, from the Presbytery of Newark; Rev. James Hall, from the Presbytery of Jersey City; Rev. Lyman D. Calkins and Rev. Jacob E. Mallman, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 26, 1889, between Rev. George H. Payson and the Newtown Church;
February 11, 1890, between Rev. Theodore W. Harris and the Far Rockaway Church;
April 15, between Rev. Clarence Geddes and the Church of Astoria.

Installations:

January 15, 1890, Rev. John A. Davis, over Christ Church, Hempstead;
January 24, Rev. J. Howard Hobbs, over the Jamaica Church;
May 8, Rev. Jacob E. Mallman, over the Church of Newtown;
May 15, Rev. Philip A. Schwarz, over the Church of Melville;
June 4, Rev. James Hall, over the Bellmore Church;
September 3, Rev. Lyman D. Calkins, over the Church of Far Rockaway.

Ministers dismissed:

October 18, 1889, Rev. Frederick W. Cutler, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
December 26, Rev. George H. Payson, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth;
April 14, 1890, Rev. Theodore W. Harris, to the Presbytery of Topeka, and Rev. George H. Cleveland, to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Church transferred:

October 18, 1889, Woodhaven Church to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, by act of the Synod.

XVII. The Presbytery of New York consists of one hundred and fifty-nine ministers and fifty-five churches, and has under its care fourteen licentiates and thirty-six candidates.

Ministers received:

November 11, 1889, Rev. Charles B. Chapin, from the South Classis of Long Island;
December 9, Rev. Alfred C. Roe from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
January 13, 1890, Rev. Francis H. Marling from the Quebec Association of Congregational ministers, Rev. Herbert M. Andrews from the Caledonian Association of Congregational ministers, and Rev. Frederick E. Voegelin from the Presbytery of Jersey City;
March 10, Rev. George S. Webster, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; Rev. James E. Sentz, from the Presbytery of Jersey City, and Rev. William R. Harshaw, from the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Steubenville, Ohio;
April 14, Rev. John J. Thompson, from the Presbytery of Lansing, and Rev. Jose M. Lopez-Guillen, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick;
May 12, Rev. Walter B. Floyd, from the Northern New Jersey Conference of Congregational ministers;

October 13, Rev. George L. Spining, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

November 11, 1889, Joseph Speir, from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and Joseph Bailie, from the Presbytery of Temple-Patrick, Ireland;

December 9, William A. Beatson and Herman Jacot;
February 10, 1890, William Adams Brown;
March 10, William E. Petrie;
April 14, William H. Hudnut and Daniel H. Rohrabaugh;
June 9, John Giffin;
October 13, Henry R. White, from the Presbytery of Platte, J. Frederick Talcott, Thomas Knox, Henry A. Bradford, John McComb, William B. Murray.

Licentiates received and licenses conferred:

May 12, 1890. Joseph Bailie, William Adams Brown, Herbert Ford, William H. Hudnut, Herman Jacot, Farquhar D. McRae, William P. Merrill, George K. Newell, William E. Petrie, and Gaylord S. White.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

November 11, 1889, between Rev. William Chester and Phillips Church, and between Rev. Louis Wolferz and Zion Church;
February 10, 1890, between Rev. Edward M. Deems and Westminster of West Twenty-Third Street Church;
April 14, between Rev. Robert H. McCready and Prospect Hill Church;
October 13, between Rev. Richard D. Harlan and the First Church, and between Rev. John M. Worrall, D. D., and the Thirteenth Street Church.

Ordinations:

May 14, 1890, Joseph Bailie and Herman Jacot;
September 29, Harvey D. Griswold, as an Evangelist.

Installations:

January 5, 1890, Rev. Alexander W. Sproull over the Church of Sea and Land;
January 23, Rev. Frederick E. Voegelin over Zion Church;
March 18, Rev. James E. Sentz over the First Morrisania Church;
March 20, Rev. William R. Harshaw over the First Union Church;
October 19, Rev. George L. Spining over Phillips Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 11, 1889, Rev. William Chester, to the Presbytery of Milwaukee;
December 9, Rev. Louis Wolferz to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
February 10, 1890, Rev. Jerome Allen, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Rev. Edward M. Deems to the Presbytery of Steuben;
April 14, Rev. Charles B. Chapin to the Presbytery of Albany, Rev. Thomas C. Miller to the Presbytery of Central Dakota, and Rev. Thomas Atkinson to the Presbytery of Boston;
May 12, Rev. Robert H. McCready to the Classis of Orange;
October 13, Rev. Charles H. McDonald to the Presbytery of Southern Dakota, and Rev. Henry G. Birchby to the Presbytery of North River.

Licentiates dismissed:

October 17, 1889, Howard S. Bliss to the New York and Brooklyn Association;
May 14, 1890, Robert J. McBride to the Presbytery of Westchester, and William H. Hudnut to the Presbytery of Hudson;

May 21, James S. Young to the Presbytery of Jersey City;
August 29, William P. Merrill to the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central;
September 16, Farquhar D. McRae, to the Presbytery of Fort Dodge;
September 25, G. Kennedy Newell to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Church formed:

March 4, 1890, Woodstock Church.

Deaths:

October 17, 1889, at Flushing, N. Y., Rev. William Stephenson, aged 56;
November 10, at New York, Rev. William Hall, aged 78;
December 15, at New York, Rev. Lawrence P. Cummings, aged 64;
April 25, 1890, at New York, Rev. Philip Jeblick;
May 15, at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, Rev. Edward T. Doane, in his 70th year;
August 14, 1890, at Montclair, N. J., Rev. Elijah D. Murphy, D. D., in his 72d year.

Church disbanded:

October 13, 1890, Prospect Hill.

XVIII. The Presbytery of Niagara consists of twenty ministers and twenty churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:

September 23, 1890, Rev. Albert S. Bacon, from the Presbytery of Utica; Rev. Ward C. Peabody, from the Presbytery of Flint, and Rev. Frank S. Swan, from the Presbytery of Genesee.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

October 10, 1889, Anthony H. Evans.

Ordination:

October 10, 1889, Anthony H. Evans.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

April 22, 1890, between Rev. William A. Beecher and the Church of Middleport.

Installations:

October 10, 1889, Rev. Anthony H. Evans, over the First Church of Lockport;
November 18, Rev. Edward P. Snyder, over the Church at Youngstown.

Ministers dismissed:

April 21, 1890, Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts to the Presbytery of North River, and Rev. Jeremiah Odell to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
June 4, Rev. Charles W. Remington to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
June 11, Rev. William A. Beecher to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
September 22, Rev. Erastus W. Twichell to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Deceased:

September 21, 1890, at Albion, Rev. George F. Cain, pastor of the Church at Albion, in the 60th year of his age.

Church organized:

May 31, 1890, East Kendall.

September 23, 1890, Rev. Edgar P. Salmon, was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer, in place of Rev. Edward P. Marvin, resigned.

XIX. The Presbytery of North Laos consists of seven ministers and five churches.

XX. The Presbytery of North River consists of thirty-nine ministers and thirty churches.

Ministers received:

April 21, 1890. Rev. George D. Egbert, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;
April 22, Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts, from the Presbytery of Niagara;
October 7, Rev. Hugh Russell Fraser, from the Presbytery of Columbia.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

October 7, 1890, William A. Wood.

Licentiate received:

October 7, 1890, J. Scott King, from the Hartford Central Association of Connecticut.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

October 16, 1889, between the Rev. Andrew Gray and the Church at Millerton;
November 13, between the Rev. George L. Richmond and the Church at Little Britain; and between the Rev. George P. Noble and the Church at Cornwall-on-Hudson;
January 6, 1890, between the Rev. Benjamin F. Parliman and the Westminster Church at Salt Point;
April 22, between Rev. Theodore F. Burnham and the Church at Amenia Union;
July 14, between Rev. Thomas C. Clark and the Church at Freedom Plains.

Installations:

October 18, 1889, Rev. Lewis H. Bahler over the Church in Malden;
May 13, 1890, Rev. George D. Egbert over the Church in Canterbury;
June 9, Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts over the Church in Rondout;
October 7, Rev. Hugh Russell Fraser over the Church at Cornwall-on-Hudson.

Ministers dismissed:

October 8, 1889, Rev. Joseph K. Wight to the Presbytery of East Florida;
November 13, Rev. George L. Richmond to the North Essex Congregational Association;

January 6, 1890, Rev. Benjamin F. Parliman to the Presbytery of Long Island;
April 22, Rev. George P. Noble to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;
July 14, Rev. Thomas C. Clark, to the Presbytery of Kearney.

Death:

October 17, 1889, Rev. Samuel H. Jagger, aged 73 years.

April 22, 1890, Rev. Duncan C. Niven was elected Stated Clerk, to succeed Rev. George P. Noble, removed to another Presbytery.

XXI. The Presbytery of Oroomiah consists of ten ministers, and reports a supplementary roll of two missionaries and forty-two native ministers, with twenty-seven churches, forty seven licentiates and eighteen candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1890.]

XXII. The Presbytery of Otsego consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care two licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received:

April 22, 1890, Rev. Joseph H. Ralston from the Presbytery of Boston;
September 24, Rev. German H. Chatterton from the Presbytery of Albany.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

September 10, 1890, Hector Cowan, Samuel R. Spriggs and Frank C. McMaster.

Licentiate received:

April 23, 1890, S. Dwight Arms from the Presbytery of Boulder.

License conferred:

May 7, 1890, William Courtland Robinson.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

October 29, 1889, between Rev. George Browne and the Church of Hamden.

Ministers dismissed:

November 4, 1889, Rev. Frederic L. Hiller to the Presbytery of Cayuga;
April 23, 1890, Rev. Nathan B. Knapp to the Presbytery of Geneva.

Death:

March 13, 1890, at East Springfield, N. Y., Rev. Solomon J. Tracy, aged 95 years.

XXIII. The Presbytery of Rochester consists of fifty-eight ministers and forty-five churches, and has under its care three licentiates and eleven candidates.

Ministers received:

December 30, 1889, Rev. Charles Noble Frost from the Presbytery of Detroit;
September 16, 1890, Rev. Byron Bosworth from the Presbytery of Steuben, and Rev. George V. Reichel from the Presbytery of Erie.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 15, 1890, Daniel Hoyt.

Licensed :

April 15, 1890, William P. McKenzie.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

December 30, 1889, between the Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock and the Church of Wheatland.

Installations :

January 3, 1890, Rev. Charles Noble Frost over the Church of Victor ;
March 24, Rev Glenroie McQueen over the Calvary Church, Rochester ;
April 3, Rev. Edward Bristol over the Church of Wheatland.

Ministers dismissed :

December 30, 1889, Rev. David R. Eddy to the Presbytery of Buffalo ;
April 16, 1890, Rev. Thomas E. Babb to the Suffolk North Congregational Association ;
May 13, Rev. T. Morey Hodgman to the Presbytery of Lyons ;
May 30, Rev. Frank P. Gilman to the Presbytery of Canton, China.

Candidates transferred :

April 16, 1890, George T. Eddy to the Presbytery of New Brunswick ;
September 16, Frank E. Hoyt to the Presbytery of St. Paul.

Death :

May 8, 1890, Rev. James B. Shaw, D. D., at Rochester, N. Y., aged 81.

XXIV. The Presbytery of St. Lawrence consists of thirty-three ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received :

January 21, 1890, Rev. Thomas A. Sanson from the Presbytery of Troy ;
April 15, Rev. George A. Seeley from the Presbytery of Furrukhabad, India ; and Rev. William N. Cleveland from the Presbytery of Utica ;
September 30, Rev. Henry W. H. Watkins from the Presbytery of Hudson, and Rev. Orlando C. Barnes from the St. Lawrence and Black River Association.

Licentiate received :

June 26, 1890, Thomas E. Sherman, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination :

June 26, 1890, Thomas E. Sherman.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

November 8, 1889, between Rev. Alfred T. Vail and the Churches of Brownville and Dexter.

Installations :

January 21, 1890, Rev. Thomas A. Sanson over the Church of Oxbow ;
June 24, Rev. William N. Cleveland over the Church of Chaumont.

Ministers dismissed :

November 8, 1889, Rev. Alfred T. Vail to the Presbytery of Steuben ;
April 15, 1890, Rev. Samuel P. Herron to the Presbytery of Columbus.

XXV. The Presbytery of Siam consists of eight ministers and seven churches, and has under its care five licentiates, and two candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received :

January 3, 1889, Rev. John A. Eakin from the Presbytery of Butler, and Rev. Charles E. Eckles from the Presbytery of New Castle.

XXVI. The Presbytery of Steuben consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-seven churches, and has under its care two licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received:

April 16, 1890, Rev. Edward M. Deems, from the Presbytery of New York;
Rev. William Veenschoten, from the Classis of Hudson; Rev. Alfred T. Vail, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; and Rev. Augustus Frederick, from the Presbytery of Champlain.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 16, 1890, Homer W. Harris;
September 15, Aaron C. Stuart.

Licensed:

April 16, 1890, Thomas J. Hedges.

Licentiates received:

October 30, 1889, Joseph G. Snyder, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;
April 16, 1890, William G. White and George W. Warren, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordinations:

October 30, 1889, Joseph G. Snyder;
November 13, Edwin H. Burgess;
September 10, 1890, George W. Warren.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

October 30, 1889, between Rev. David McLeod and the Church of Angelica;
December 2, between Rev. Charles P. Luce, Ph.D., and the Church of Cuba.

Installations:

October 30, 1889, Rev. Joseph G. Snyder, over the Church of Belmont;

May 9, 1890, Rev. Edward M. Deems, over the Church of Hornellsville;
September 10, 1890, Rev. George W. Warren, over the Church of Prattsburg.

Ministers dismissed:

October 31, 1889, Rev. John S. Niles, to the Presbytery of Geneva;
November 30, Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., to the Presbytery of Newark;
December 2, Rev. Charles P. Luce, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Louisville;
September 10, 1890, Rev. Byron Bosworth, to the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. George F. Wood to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

XXVII. The Presbytery of Syracuse consists of thirty-one mininsters and forty-one churches, and has under its care eight candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

December 2, 1889, Rev. Albro L. Greene, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
April 15, 1890, Rev. Edward H. Adriance, from the Presbytery of Whitewater;
September 16, Rev. Frank W. West, from the Onondaga Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 15, 1890, Thomas Burt;
May 5, Emmett E. Lord;
September 16, Eugene M. Armstrong.

Licentiates received:

April 15, 1890, Alexander H. Fraser, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;
October 6, Wesley W. Cole, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Ordination:

June 2, 1890, Alexander H. Fraser.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

June 2, 1890, between Rev. Douglas Putnam Birnie and the Cazenovia Church;
September 16, between Rev. William A. Rice and the Fourth Church, Syracuse.

Installations:

May 5, 1890, Rev. Edward A. McMaster, over the Church at Baldwinsville;
May 6, Rev. Edward H. Adriance, over the Church at Jordan;
June 2, Rev. Alexander H. Fraser, over the Church at Jamesville.

Ministers dismissed:

February 3, 1890, Rev. Norman Seaver, D. D., to the Chicago Association of Congregational Churches;
June 19, Rev. Smith Ordway, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
September 15, Rev. Albro L. Greene, to the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidate transferred:

April 15, 1890, Albert G. Parker, to the care of the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Church re-organized:

July 26, 1890, the Church of West Monroe.

Change in the name of a church:

April 15, 1890, "Ridgeville" to "Whitelaw."

XXVIII. The Presbytery of Troy consists of fifty-two ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care three candidates:

Ministers received:

November 19, 1889, Rev. James Bain from the Presbytery of Saginaw, and Rev. Isaac G. Ogden from the Presbytery of Binghamton;

April 22, 1890, Rev. Robert W. Beers from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, Rev. Charles H. Van Wie from the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. Daniel W. Fox from the Presbytery of Jersey City;

September 16, Rev. Ezekiel D. Van Dyck and Rev. De Witt G. Rockefeller from the Presbytery of Albany.

Candidates received:

April 22, 1890, Charles W. Blake, from the Presbytery of Platte, and Robert H. Carson from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Licenses conferred:

April 22, 1890, Robert H. Carson and John H. Thompson;
September 16, Charles W. Blake.

Licentiate received:

April 22, 1890, Charles E. McGinnis from the Presbytery of Rock River.

Ordinations:

April 22, 1890, Charles E. McGinnis, Robert H. Carson, and John H. Thompson;

September 16, Charles W. Blake and Obadiah C. Auringer, all as evangelists.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

November 19, 1889, between Rev. Thomas A. Sanson and the Church of Argyle;

December 9, between Rev. Alexander B. Riggs, D. D., and the Church of Waterford;

April 2, 1890, between Rev. Ninian B. Remick, D. D., and the Ninth Church of Troy.

Installations:

October 4, 1889, Rev. William Fraser, over the Church of Salem;

April 29, 1890, Rev. Robert W. Beers, over the Church of Waterford;

May 12, Rev. Robert H. Carson, over the First Church of Stillwater;

May 13, Rev. Daniel W. Fox, over the Church of Warrensburgh;

May 14, Rev. Charles E. McGinnis, as assistant pastor over the Olivet Church of Lansingburgh;

May 27, Rev. Charles H. Van Wie, over the Church of Melrose ;
September 30, Rev. De Witt G. Rockefeller, over the Church of Whitehall ;
October 1, Rev. Ezekiel D. Van Dyck, over the Church of Johnsonville.

Ministers dismissed :

November 19, 1889, Rev. Thomas A. Sanson, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence ;
March 26, 1890, Rev. Alexander B. Riggs, D.D., to the Presbytery of Brooklyn ;
April 2, Rev. Ninian B. Remick, D.D., to the Presbytery of Geneva;
April 22, Rev. George N. Webber, D. D., to the Hampshire County Association of Congregational Ministers ;
July 14, Rev. George L. McClelland, to the Presbytery of Buffalo ;
September 15, Rev. James Bain, to the Presbytery of Columbia ;
September 16, Rev. George W. Shields, to the Presbytery of Washington ; Rev. William B. Stewart, D. D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central ; and Rev. Obadiah C. Auringer to the Presbytery of Utica.

XXIX. The Presbytery of Utica consists of fifty ministers and forty-five churches, and has under its care two licentiates and twenty-one candidates.

Ministers received :

July 3, 1890, Rev. Solomon C. McElroy from the Presbytery of Hudson ;
September 30, Rev. George Benaugh, D.D., from the Presbytery of Portsmouth; Rev. John W. Wolcott from the Presbytery of Steuben, and Rev. Obadiah C. Auringer from the Presbytery of Troy.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

September 30, 1890, Arthur M. Mitchell, William D. Crockett and Warren H. Everett.

Licensed :

April 15, 1890, Wesley W. Cole.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

April 15, 1890, between Rev. Albert W. Allen and the Church at Camden ;
June 20, between Rev. Egbert C. Lawrence and the Church at Vernon ;
July 3, between Rev. Albert S. Bacon and the Church at Oneida Castle ;
September 30, between Rev. George O. Phelps and Bethany Church, Utica.

Installations :

October 30, 1889, Rev. Martin E. Grant over the Church at Verona ;
October 9, 1890, Rev. George Benaugh, D.D., over the Church at Camden.

Ministers dismissed :

December 16, 1889, Rev. Arthur C. McMillan to the Presbytery of Montana ,
April 14, 1890, Rev. William N. Cleveland to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, Rev. Charles H. Van Wie to the Presbytery of Troy, and Rev. Oren Root to the Classis of Montgomery ;
April 15, Rev. Albert W. Allen to the Presbytery of Buffalo ;

July 3, Rev. Albert S. Bacon to the Presbytery of Niagara ;
September 30, Rev. Christopher S. Vincent to the Presbytery of Nebraska City.

Licentiates transferred :

September 30, 1890, Albert B. Judson to the Presbytery of Chemung, and Wesley W. Cole to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidate transferred :

September 30, 1890, Edward J. Everett to the care of the Presbytery of Larned.

Deaths :

March 15, 1890, Rev. William Putnam, at Herkimer, N. Y., in the 74th year of his age ;
April 11. Rev. Chester Fitch, at Rockford, Ill., in the 83d year of his age ;
July 31, Rev. Eurotas P. Hastings, D. D., in Ceylon, India, in the 70th year of his age ;
August 3, Rev. Thomas Thomas, at Trenton, N. Y., in the 71st year of his age.

Church organized :

June 18, 1890, Northwood, N. Y.

XXX. The Presbytery of Westchester consists of sixty-three ministers and thirty-six churches, and has under its care nine licentiates and eight candidates.

Ministers received :

April 15, 1890, Rev. Charles E. Upson from the Presbytery of Chicago ;
April 16, Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown, D. D., from the Classis of Poughkeepsie of the Reformed Church ;
October 8, Rev. Robert B. Mattice from the Presbytery of East Florida, and Rev. George R. Cutting from the Presbytery of Chicago.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 16, 1890, Nathan F. Van Horson ;
June 17, Robert Irwin MacBride.

Licenses conferred :

January 21, 1890, Stanley K. Phraner ;
April 16, John G. Lovell, George Cornwell and Samuel C. Hodge.

Licentiate received:

Harris Ely Adriance, from the Classis of Poughkeepsie of the Reformed Church.

Ordinations:

February 5, 1890, Harris Ely Adriance;
July 24, Stanley K. Phraner.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

June 17, 1890, between Rev. William Y. Brown, D. D., and the Port Chester Church.

Installations:

November 12, 1889, Rev. James A. McWilliams, over the Sing Sing Church;
February 5, 1890, Rev. Harris Ely Adriance over the Huguenot Memorial Church of Pelham Manor;
April 29, Rev. John H. Trussell, over the South East Center Church of Brewster's.

Ministers dismissed:

January 21, 1890, Rev. John H. Hobbs to the Presbytery of Nassau;
March 24, Rev. William Gardner to the Presbytery of Rock River;
June 17, Rev. William Y. Brown, D. D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Licentiates transferred:

June 17, 1890, John G. Lovell, to the Presbytery of Albany;
June 24, Charles Lyman Carhart to the Presbytery of Duluth;
August 8, Richard Morse Hodge to the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

Death:

January 20, 1890, at Thompsonville, Conn., Rev. James Ely, aged 90 years and three months.

SUMMARY.

Ministers	1,109	Licentiates	56
Churches	842	Candidates	170

III. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

1. Financial Statement of Board of Trustees, July 1, 1890.

I. ASSETS.

Estimated value of College Grounds and Buildings proper	$150,000.00
President's House and Grounds	8,000.00
Other Real Estate	2,000.00
Observatory, Grounds, Buildings and Instruments	10,000.00
Library	5,000.00
Paintings, Studies, Casts, etc., in Art Department	5,000.00
Furniture	10,000.00
Musical Instruments	10,000.00
Educational Collections	5,000.00
Total	$205,000.00
Invested in Corporate Bonds and Bonds and Mortgages on Real Estate	102,900.00
Total	$307,900.00
Less Bonded Debt	34,500.00
Balance	$273,400.00

II. LIABILITIES.

Floating Debt	$33,065.00

III. REVENUE.

From Board and Tuition	$27,215.05
From Term Bills due	445.00
From Interest Received from Investments	4,701.86
From Interest due	1,079.00
Total	$33,440.91

IV. EXPENDITURES.

Current Expenses paid	$34,740.47	
Current Expenses unpaid	6,446.00	
		41,186.47
Deficiency		$7,745.56

NEWTON P. FASSETT,
Treasurer.

Elmira, N. Y., October, 1890.

2. Board of Trustees.

Term Expiring in 1891.

John T. Rathbun,
John I. Nicks,
Newton P. Fassett,
Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D.,
Seymour Dexter,
Mrs. Josephine Gifford.

Term Expiring in 1892.

Alexander S. Diven,
Daniel R. Pratt,
Francis Hall,
Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson,
Rev. George H. McKnight,
Mrs. Helen B. Turner.

Term Expiring in 1893.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.,
Rev. George C. Curtis, D. D.,
Rev. Isaac Jennings, D. D.,
Rev. Charles Van Norden,
Rev. William R. Duryea, D. D.,
Warner Van Norden,
Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams.

3. Board of Examiners.

Term Expiring in 1891.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. Timothy G. Darling, D. D., Hon. J. Sloat Fassett.

Term Expiring in 1892.—Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Allen F. DeCamp, Rev. George R. Smith.

Term Expiring in 1893.—Rev. A. Cameron McKenzie, Rev. James R. Robinson, Rev. Ninian B. Remick, D. D.

IV. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.

Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Buffalo.

Treasurer: Warner Van Norden, Esq., 23 Nassau Street, New York.

Legal Committee: William Allen Butler and Henry Day, Esqrs.

Term Expiring in 1891: Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., William Allen Butler, John C. Tucker.

Term Expiring in 1892: Rev. Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Edward Wells, Warner Van Norden.

Term Expiring in 1893: Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Rev. Samuel M. Hamilton, D. D., William A. Wheelock, Henry Day.

Members Ex-Officio: Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks.

V. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	Henry A. Nelson, D. D., *Convener*.....	Geneva.....	Utica.
1882.	Howard Crosby, D. D....	New York.....	Utica.
1883.	James McLeod, D. D.....	Buffalo.....	New York.
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D. D.....	Albany.....	Buffalo.
1885.	L. Merrill Miller, D. D.....	St. Lawrence.....	Troy.
1886.	Joseph E. Nassau, D. D..... ...	Genesee.....	Elmira.
1887.	Charles C. Wallace, D. D.....	Boston.....	Auburn.
1888.	T. Ralston Smith, D. D.....	Buffalo.....	Syracuse.
1889.	Samuel Jessup, D. D.....	Utica.....	Poughkeepsie.
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D.....	Albany.....	Lockport.

VI. PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

Changes in Names and Addresses.

CAYUGA: Rev. Frank H. Hinman, *Treasurer*, Auburn.
GENESEE: Rev. Allan D. Draper, *Treasurer*, Batavia.
NIAGARA: Rev. Edgar P. Salmon, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Knowlesville.
NORTH RIVER: Rev. Duncan C. Niven, *Stated Clerk*, Highland.

VII. STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

II.

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a Standing Committee, to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting of the Synod, which shall be designated prior to the adjournment.

A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed also, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings. The morning sessions shall always be opened with devotional services, to be continued ordinarily for half an hour.

III.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely :

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders."

IV.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from these lists shall be made up the official roll.

At the calling of the roll at the opening session, the names of the principals who have thus been reported, or of alternates duly substituted, shall be included; but when alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person privately to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, before their names shall be substituted upon the roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

V.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor; and the members of committees which have been appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in regular correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations, and their post-office address.

VI.

In the case of the failure of the Moderator, the annual meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

VIII.

Each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

IX.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Business.
3. Minutes of the General Assembly.
4. Finance.
5. Leave of Absence.
6. To nominate Visitors to Auburn and Union Theological Seminaries and other educational institutions.
7. To nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.
8. To Nominate Trustees of the Synod, and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College.
9. On the Records of the several Presbyteries.

Before the adjournment, a committee shall be appointed to present, at the next sessions of the Synod, a brief Pastoral Letter, to be sent down to the Presbyteries and Churches of the Synod.

X.

1. At every annual meeting, one of the three classes of Trustees of Elmira College, consisting of six or seven members, as the case may be, shall be elected for a period of three years; and any vacancy which may have occurred in any class shall be filled.

2. The Reformed (Dutch), the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal, the Protestant Episcopal, and the Baptist denominations shall be represented, each by one member of the Board of Trustees, to be chosen by the Synod, as required by the charter.

3. Three ministers shall likewise be chosen for a period of three years, as members of a Board of nine Examiners, whose duty it shall be to visit the College at such times as they may agree upon, and examine its methods of instruction and discipline, as well as the general condition of the institution, and its adaptedness to the work entrusted to it. The Board shall appoint its own Chairman and Secretary, and shall present a written report annually to the Synod.

XI.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General Rules for Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XII.

All papers intended for Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him to the Synod, before being referred.

XIII.

In the case of extended reports, if they are to be recorded, the Stated Clerk shall have authority to condense, at his discretion, those portions which do not contain

resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod, unless otherwise directed by a vote of the Synod.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XV.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

XVI.

Vacancies, occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod, in any Committees whose members have been appointed to represent the Presbyteries, may be filled, *ad interim*, by the Presbyteries concerned.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder whose name is on the roll of the Synod, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

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